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2 Town Boards Continue To Spar With Riverside

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With time counting down to the Memorial Day weekend opening of the \$12.6 million water park at Riverside Park, town officials are still considering the first phase of the park's plan to eliminate traffic back-ups onto Main Street and some Planning Board members are questioning the overall long-range planning for the park's expansion.

Last week, the town received the traffic impact study commissioned by Riverside to address the impact of park expansion on the town's existing roadways. But, the report may have raised more questions than it answered.

Although the report is currently under review by the Planning Department, the town engineer, the Department of Public Works, and the Mayor's Office, Planning Director Deborah Dachos said, "In my initial review of the traffic study, a number of questions were raised. Our in-house review will determine where the study is deficient and what additional information we want from Riverside in anticipation of a more detailed traffic study."

Ms. Dachos expects the town's continuing negotiations with Riverside will result in more extensive recommendations on traffic control.

Riverside Vice-President/General Manager Bill Muirhead said the traffic study would be used to make sure proactive measures were taken by the park to manage traffic and minimize any impacts to the town and inconveniences to their customers.

After a month of public hearings on Riverside Park's proposal to pave a portion of a 10-acre parking lot on the west side of Main Street, the Conservation Commission is expected to render a decision at a meeting on Thursday, May 14th.

Commission members had concerns over the effect of storm run-off on two brooks located near the parking lot that Riverside hopes to pave as part of the solution to its continuing problems with high-volume traffic events at the park.

After an unexpected turnout for the Latin American Festival stalled traffic on Main Street for four hours two weeks ago, park officials cancelled the summer concert series and put all special events on hold until the traffic problem is solved.

While the Conservation Commission met in a special session last Thursday to continue the public hearing on the parking lot proposal, the Planning Board took up the issue of long-range planning at the park at its regular meeting.

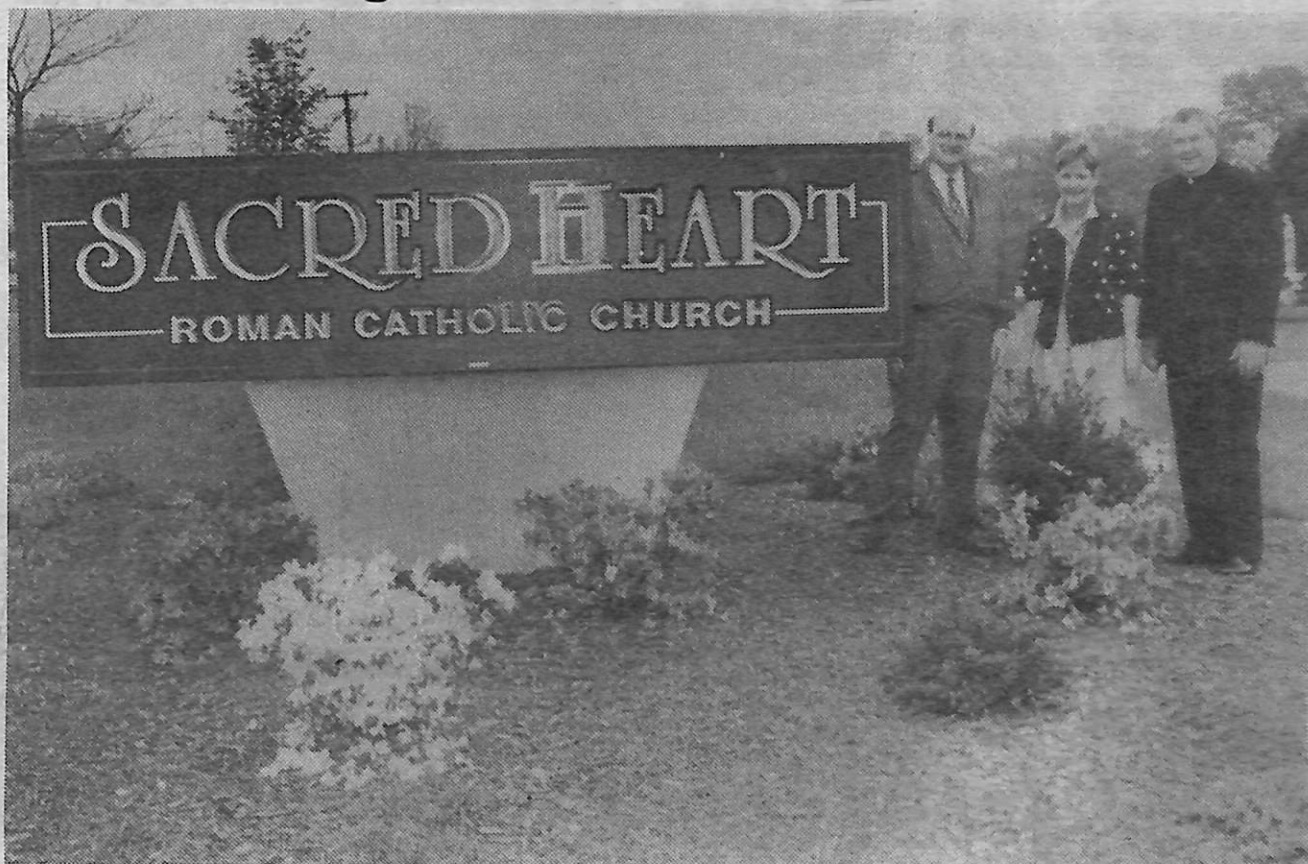
A Discussion Of Approved Site Plans...

At the request of Planning Board member Dennis Hopkins, the panel's agenda included a discussion of the site plans approved by the board for projects at Riverside since the Main Street amusement park was purchased by the Oklahoma-based Premier Parks 18 months ago.

Questioning whether Planning Board procedures had been followed, Hopkins asked Ms. Dachos to furnish the board with an overall plan for expansion at Riverside, a list of all the improvements at the park since Premier Parks took over, the parameters of the traffic study, and a copy of correspondence between the park and the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA).

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New Sign For Sacred Heart Church...



DEACON JIM MARTONE, SISTER EILEEN SULLIVAN, AND FATHER KENNETH TATRO of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills stand next to the parish's newly installed sign. The landscaping complementing the new sign was done by DeCaro Brothers Landscaping Service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Latest Graduates From Police Academy...



ON MONDAY, APRIL 27TH, the latest graduates of the Police Academy in Agawam pose with their family members in front of Agawam Town Hall. (See related photos on Page 6.)

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"How many things have they built without the Planning Board seeing a site plan and why didn't we see a site plan for the water park?" Hopkins asked.

According to Ms. Dachos, procedures were developed when the park was owned by the Carroll family that called for site plan review of projects that would have effects felt outside the park (like curb cuts, changes to the infrastructure, or parking lots). However, projects within the park itself that would not produce effects outside the park did not require site plan approval until now.

According to Muirhead, the company is in complete compliance with the zoning and planning requirements of the town. "There is not a single structure here that hasn't been issued a building permit," Muirhead said. "We've gone before the town and the Planning Board for permits whenever we've been asked to. As a publicly traded company, we have to be even more than aboveboard. We know we're going to be scrutinized by the town and also by our shareholders."

Ms. Dachos said any future applications for building permits at the park would have to go through the site plan review process now that expansion at the park is having an effect outside its borders.

The site plan for alleviating traffic backups on to Main Street by redesigning the park entrance and paying 943 parking spaces in a lot on the west side of Main Street received conditional Planning Board approval at its April 16th meeting. The final approval is not expected until the board's May 21st meeting.

Muirhead flatly rejected the suggestion raised by Planning Board members that the company might be deliberately designing its expansion plans to avoid triggering the thresholds that would set in motion the extensive Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency review process.

Muirhead said Riverside officials and their engineering consultants had already met with MEPA representatives to discuss the parking lot expansions.

"We're going to submit to the MEPA process for Phase II of our parking plan, but we were entitled to replace the 1,000 parking spaces we lost (in building the water park) without triggering MEPA review for Phase I of our plan," Muirhead said.

Muirhead said the storm runoff drainage system being reviewed by the Conservation Commission has been deliberately designed to accommodate Phase II of the parking expansion plans in anticipation of MEPA approval for the project.

'Household Hazardous Waste Collection' Is Slated For June 6th

The Town of Agawam will hold its annual "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day," Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (by appointment only), at the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper St.

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, May 18th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/4/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-98-3-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 114, Sec. 144-8 entitled Number of Licenses Restricted of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Coun. Bitzas) (3rd Reading).
 2. PE-96-2-(PH-96-4)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b)(Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration)(Closed Public Hearing and tabled on 11/18/96)(Coun. Caba and Perry).
 3. TO-98-26-Transfer-\$2,500.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Health - Temporary Salaries (15101-51020)(Mayor).

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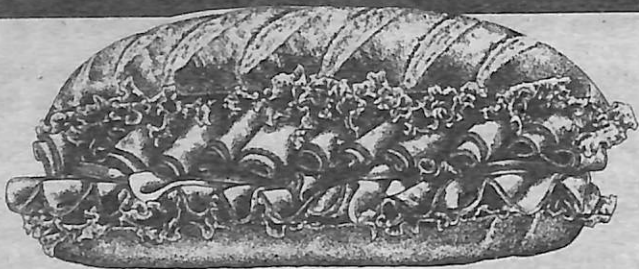
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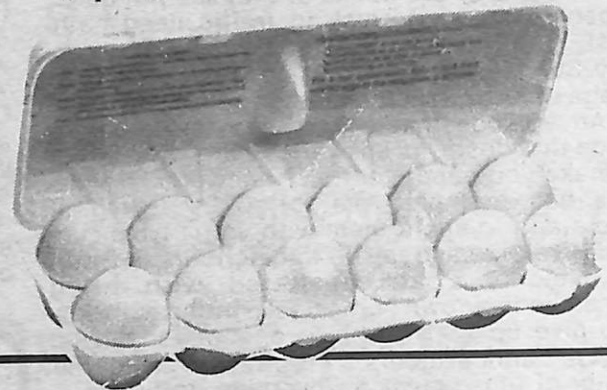


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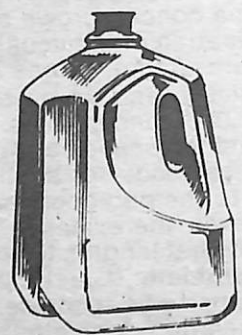
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Letters To The Editor

"Thank You" For Supporting Teachers' Celebration Dinner

To The Editor:

The 25-Plus Years Celebration Dinner Committee would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to the following businesses, individuals, and organizations for their support of the recent dinner recognizing teachers who have given 25 years or more of dedicated teaching to the Agawam Public Schools:

Agawam Federal Credit Union; Agawam Junior High School PTO; Agawam Middle School PTO; Agawam Rotary Club; Bank Boston (Agawam Branch); Benjamin J. Phelps School PTO; Berkshire Power; Casual Male Hairstyling; Mr. Alan L. Ferrigno, Attorney at Law; Dr. Richard W. Gallerani; Clifford M. Granger School PTO; Hampden Fence Supply Inc.

Also, Mr. George A. Hellquist, Esq.; James Clark School PTO; John's Trucking of Agawam, Inc.; Kitchens of Distinction; Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund; Lucia Lumber Company, Inc.; McDonald's of Agawam; Phipps Discount Liquors, Inc.; Riverside Park; Sarat Ford; and Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics.

Warmest thanks go out to Erwin "Dutch" Werthamer, who provided the music for the social hour and dinner to the delight of all.

Special thanks are also extended to the 1998 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, Mary Ginley, who was the guest speaker at the dinner.

The 112 teachers recognized have given a combined total of 3,222 years of dedicated teaching to the Agawam Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Barbara Connery (Chair), Ann Boskiewicz,
Andrew Bower, Patricia Burnett, Betty
Murphy, Donna Ormsby, Eleanor Placzek,
Gloria Jean Sheiber, and Teresa Urbinati

The Saga Continues: Agawam Residents Vs Riverside Traffic

To The Editor:

What does living on Main Street in the summer-time mean to me? Until recently, it was more than a pleasure. Sitting on the front porch as we watched everyone enjoying the nice weather, saying hello as neighbors walk, bicycle, or run by. Everyone is friendly as they walk down Main Street.

And then Riverside Park got bigger, and the Riverside started having concerts, and then the traffic began. People that are stuck in traffic are not friendly, they are not kind, they are not quiet, and people that are stuck in traffic need bathrooms!

Two Sundays ago was yet another episode in the saga of "Agawam Residents vs Riverside Traffic." An episode that will not be forgotten, an episode that deserves answers. Real answers, not the "make you happy for now" answers.

This has prompted me to go in search of answers and to share them with you. I have contacted Riverside and talked to neighbors of Riverside. Neighbors are frustrated with being prisoners in their own homes. Frustrated with having to give up their plans to accommodate the Riverside concertgoers. Frustrated with the behavior of those stuck in Riverside traffic.

Two Sundays ago, Riverside officials were expecting a concert crowd of 6,000. This figure was an estimation of previous years for the same concert, with actual figures being 16,871 attending the concert, and an overall attendance of more than 22,000 concertgoers.

Should they have been ready for this? Yes, they should be ready for anything. It is their responsibility to the parkgoers and the community.

However, the evidence is there that they have gone to great lengths to solve this "someday foreseen" problem; it just came a little early for all their plans to be implemented. This is a fact, not public relation double talk.

It is a fact that Riverside has had larger attendance at the park. It is also a fact that the greatest majority of traffic is now coming down Main Street.

We all know that signs are no longer present telling Connecticut residents that the best route is through Suffield. Therefore, all traffic is coming over the bridge and down Route 57. A solution is greatly needed.

We now know that parking lots are being added, parking fees are being waived on high-volume

days, and a foot bridge has been ordered. The new parking lots will get the traffic moving off the street. The waiving of fees will keep the traffic moving faster. And the foot bridge will eliminate the need to stop traffic for pedestrians.

Why was all of this not in place? I am sure that we all have experienced the "red tape" of construction.

As residents, we need to ask the town offices why they are not putting a priority on the approval of Riverside documents. We as residents need to accept that Riverside is here to stay and we need to find a way to live peacefully together.

As residents, we need to question why the police were not at all three intersections on Main Street. Having police at said intersections would have eased the problem greatly. During the 4½-hour traffic tie-up, there were almost no traffic problems in front of Riverside; the traffic was stopped at lights. Agawam police are paid for by Riverside, and as a resident I question where they were.

As residents, we need to question whether the planned "coning" of Main Street will be enough. Riverside will be drawing larger crowds daily with the new Water Park. Is a two-lane Main Street going to accommodate this traffic?

If the problems are going to continually be affixed with "band-aids," should not the idea of a three-lane highway (from Route 57 to Riverside) be proposed now, rather than waiting 'til we have every weekend holding us prisoners in our own homes?

The thought of changing Main Street is disturbing for all of us, but sometimes we have to face reality. Riverside is our neighbor and as our neighbor we need to work together, not against each other.

As an Agawam resident, I would like to be a part of solving this problem. As a mother, I would like for my son to never have to experience the behavior that is being shown by concertgoers.

And, as a Main Street resident, I wish to be able to sit out on my front porch and say hello the next time you walk by.

Sally M. Loos
Agawam

Ziegert Family Appreciates Expressions Of Support

To The Editor:

On April 15th, 1992, our lives were destroyed by a still unknown person who brutally murdered our Lisa.

Since that time, our lives have been enriched by hundreds of people who have shown in countless ways their love and support.

From the friends and family who have been there since the beginning, to the person who takes the time to say that they still remember Lisa and will never forget her, that she made a difference in their lives, we thank you!

One more time, thanks go out to those who helped make the vigil such a special night:

Mayor Christopher Johnson and his staff; Rev. Deacon Jim Martone; Barbara Connery and Dick Cowles; Shelley and Doug Reed; Ed Borgatti; Sophia, Annie, & Lynne; her cousin, Tracie; Todd Rovelli; and Debi Macey Taylor.

With words and music, they filled our hearts with joy as we remembered our special girl.

A very special thank you to Barbara Viens of Country Flowers and Gifts; she is responsible for all the white bows you see that remind us of Lisa. When you go by the Agawam Middle School, look for the white bow on Lisa's tree. Barbara always makes sure it looks fresh. She, along with her sister, Joanie, spent hours blowing up the balloons for the vigil that soared heavenward with

our loving thoughts.

We must also thank the news media. They shared the vigil and Lisa with those who could not be there in person.

Although we have decided not to hold an annual vigil, it now seems to bring more pain than healing, we know that Lisa will continue to be remembered and loved.

Please continue to keep eyes and ears open for any clues that may help bring Lisa's murderer to justice.

And, remember, "There are holes in the floor of heaven and she's watching over you and me!"

Thank You,
With Love, Lisa's Family
George, Dee, Lynne, David & Sharon

Country Estates Letter Shows BP's Influence Over Town Hall

To The Editor:

The following is a letter, dated May 4, 1998, submitted by Mr. Jonathan Gould, Vice President of Country Estates, to Don Rheault, President of the Agawam City Council. This letter is self-explanatory and highlights, once again, how the public was misinformed on this issue.

It also highlights Berkshire Power's influence over our city government via Mayor Christopher Johnson's influence over our department heads. Just for the record, the nursing home was "inadvertently" missed by our Fire Chief David Pisano, Police Chief Robert Campbell, Building Inspector Nick Urbinati, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

It was bad enough that several hundred homeowners were excluded from Berkshire Power's evacuation plan, but it is unconscionable that they would leave out hundreds of elderly and disabled people. Maybe it is time that our public officials stop pandering to the needs of Berkshire Power and start putting the needs of Agawam's citizens first.

The recent public hearing on the evacuation plan proved that the plan submitted by Berkshire Power was merely a token attempt to justify receiving their building permit. It also proved, once again, that some of our public officials will overlook the obvious in order to help Berkshire Power meet their deadlines at the cost of our community's public safety.

Respectfully,
Karl H. Stieg,
Spokesperson, CCBA (Concerned
Citizens And Businesses of Agawam)

May 4, 1998

Don Rheault
President
Agawam City Council
Town Hall
Agawam, MA 01001

Dear Mr. Rheault:

Late last week, we received a copy of the Community Action Plan for the Berkshire Power Plant Area. The Community Action Plan is a response to Condition No. 17 of the ZBA Settlement Agreement. I regret that I can not be at the Public Hearing this evening, but on behalf of the employees and patients of Country Estates Nursing Home at 1200 Suffield Street, I kindly ask that you read this letter this evening and include it as part of the public testimony.

We have not had a sufficient opportunity to review the plan in detail, but given the obvious sensitivity of our site and the patient population that Country Estates of Agawam serves, as with the original research that went into the planning

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of the proposed power plant, once again we wish that we would have been consulted by Berkshire Power and their consultants during the preparation of this report.

We are convinced that had Berkshire Power and/or their consultants met with us or asked for appropriate input concerning our employee population and patient population, the report would have been more accurate and meaningful.

Given what is at stake in the event of an emergency situation that necessitates an evacuation, we urge the City Council, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and other appropriate agencies and regulatory authorities to reserve judgment of this plan until such meetings between Berkshire Power and Country Estates of Agawam occur.

In reference to the report itself, an initial and preliminary review reveals the following:

1. In Section 3.3 - Special Features, the report estimates that the population for special facilities is 170. This figure is comprised of a gymnastics training facility on Gold Street with a population of 100 and Country Estates of Agawam with a population of 70. While we can not speak to the accuracy of the estimated population of the gymnastics training facility, we can unequivocally state that the estimated population of the nursing home has been substantially understated. On numerous occasions in the past, we have presented testimony to the ZBA, the City Council, and the Energy Facilities Siting Board that includes information pertaining to the number of employees and residents associated with Country Estates. The testimony will reveal that the peak population of 262 is approximately four times greater than the population estimated by Berkshire Power. The population consists of 164 patients and approximately 98 employees who work on the day shift (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

2. Section 3.3 of the report also states that for "modeling purposes it was assumed that 25 percent of the nursing home residents will require ambulance transportation while the other 75 percent will be transported by bus." We do not understand the source of this model; however, it is our estimate based upon the acuity level of the patient population at Country Estates that approximately 65 percent will require ambulance transportation and the other 35 percent could be transported by bus. Our estimates will require far more ambulance runs, both to the facility and from the facility, than Berkshire Power has estimated.

Assuming that a good and appropriate evacuation plan should be developed and taken very seriously, we urge you to withhold judgment of this plan until such time as representatives of Berkshire Power have met with the nursing home and agreed upon an evacuation plan that considers the safety of all of our employees and patients. Please do not hesitate to call me at the nursing home or at my Newton office should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,
Jonathan Gould
Vice President
Country Estates

Not Enough People Know About The Red Door Theatre

To The Editor:

We have a community theatre at the Red Door Theatre here in our own town that is doing great stuff and something tells me that not enough people are aware of it. I believe the Red Door is mostly known for its children's drama camps which are excellent, but they also do other performances with adults and very talented teenagers.

My family and I went to see "The Fantastics" this past weekend and really enjoyed the local talent. I mean these people were singing, dancing, acting, and making the audience laugh.

The reason I write this is that I noticed that it wasn't a full house (which I thought was a real shame) and am sure that not enough of us know about this little gem we have in our hometown. For a very reasonable ticket price, a family and/or friends can spend an entertaining evening right here in good ol' Agawam.

Bravo to the cast and crew of "The Fantastics." And no, I am not related to anyone at the Red Door. I just like what they are doing — keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Korby Clark
Agawam

Retirees' Benefits To Continue After End Of County Govt.

To The Editor:

I am writing in regards to a recent article in your newspaper issued on April 30, 1998 dealing with the Agawam Retired Employees.

I would like to reassure all individuals who are receiving monthly benefits from the Hampden County Retirement System that those benefits will continue to be issued in spite of the abolishment of Hampden County Government on July 1, 1998.

The staff at the Retirement Board is fully aware that retirees are dependent upon the receipt of their monthly allowance check and they can be assured that payments will be released on the last working day of each month as has always been of-fice policy.

Any individual who experiences problems with mail receipt of their check is encouraged to contact the Retirement Board to explore the option of direct depositing their benefit.

After July 1, 1998, the Retirement Board will continue to service its remaining 34 member units, which includes the Town of Agawam. If any member of the system has any questions regarding their benefits, they should call this office at 748-7879.

Sincerely,
Rose Marie Coughlin
Chairman/Treasurer
Board of Retirement

Bonavita Announces Meeting For Joe Malone's Campaign

Local Agawam Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita, who has been named Agawam Coordinator for Joe Malone's campaign for governor, announced an organizational meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 17th at Bonavita's law office, 2 South Bridge Drive, Agawam (off Rt. 57 rotary).

Bonavita said, "Joe Malone's campaign is gearing up for the Republican primary for governor. Now that the convention is over, it's up to the voters to make their choice. As State Treasurer for two terms, Joe has proven he has the qualities to be a great governor. Put simply, he has done a fantastic job."

He further stated, "In Agawam, we are now putting together an organization. This first meeting will be to formulate our plans. Joe is a people person and we hope to put together a diverse group of people to help him."

"Anyone who cannot attend but wants to help can call me at 786-2079."

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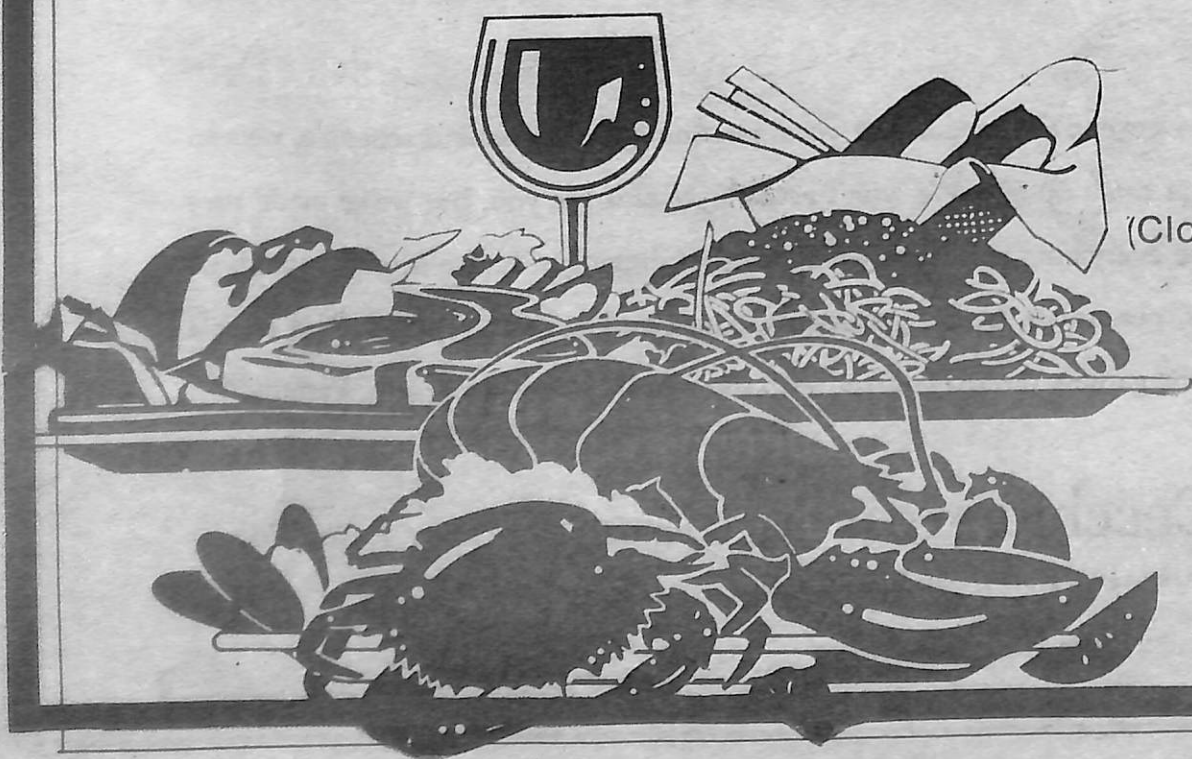
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POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE JENNIFER NARDI with her father, Lieutenant Gary Nardi of the Agawam Police Department.

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POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE ROBERT M. BURKE (center) with his parents, Paula Burke and Robert F. Burke, Agawam's Animal Control Officer and Auxiliary Police member.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veterans' Council To Award Winners Of Essay & Poster Contest

The Agawam Veterans' Council will award essay and poster contest winners at the Memorial Day ceremony. This year's theme was "Why Agawam Should Be Honored to be Home of the First State Veterans' Cemetery."

Essays were written by Junior High School students and the following will be presented with U.S. Savings Bonds:

Jennifer Dobise (first place winner) will receive a \$100 Bond; Renee Couture (second place winner) will receive a \$75 Bond; and Kevin Fleming (third place winner) will receive a \$50 Bond.

Winning posters were done by Middle School students and will also be presented U.S. Savings Bonds.

Kristen Pfau (first place winner) will receive a \$100 Bond; Kyle Lucchesi (second place winner) will receive a \$75 Bond; and Matthew Footit (third place winner) will receive a \$50 Bond.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON AND AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL (far left) watch as Town Clerk Richard Theroux swears in graduates from the Police Academy in Agawam. Back row: Christopher Brunelle, Eric Gillis, John Moccio, and Robert Burke. Front row: Andrew Parrelli, Jennifer Nardi, Anthony Grasso, and John Field.

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School Committee Adds 10 Students To Agawam's School Choice Program

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

More students from surrounding communities will be attending school in Agawam next year after the School Committee upped the number of school choice seats by 10 in a unanimous vote at Tuesday night's meeting.

For the first time since Agawam opted to accept school choice students three years ago, the School Department has a waiting list of student's applications. School Department officials credit positive publicity on the improvements taking place in the school expansions as well as the advances in curriculum and technology with increasing interest among parents looking for school choice options.

Associate Superintendent Donald Charest said, "People are calling and they're pleased with what they hear. Just about every community in the area is represented in our school choice applications and for the first time we'll have a waiting list, even if we expand the program to 35 seats."

Currently, the school system has 24 students in grades K-12 in the School Choice Program, while 31 students from Agawam attend school in other school choice districts. Families make the decision to send their children out of their home districts for some of the same reasons, including convenience, academics, and athletics, Charest said.

Not Participating Would Be A Disservice

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said, "The legislature set up the School Choice Program with a tremendous financial disincentive for communities not participating in the program. We have the space to

handle 10 more students and we'd be doing the town a disservice not to accept those students and the additional funding (paid as their tuition)."

The School Department receives tuition funds for each school choice student directly from the sending district based on per pupil costs. The town budget pays the cost of sending school choice students out of Agawam.

Johnson said the School Department will receive in excess of \$100,000 in tuition for school choice students for the current school year, while the town side of the budget will pay slightly more to fund Agawam students who attend school in other communities under the School Choice Program.

Once students are accepted into the School Choice Programs, they remain until graduation. In Agawam, the School Department screens applications to eliminate students who have been expelled from other school districts for violence, weapons, or drug violations; students with poor attendance records; or students who have been suspended from school many times.

As part of the application process, Charest interviews parents and students before sending an application to the principal of the accepting school for consideration. The principal contacts the sending school to obtain information about a student's record and then the decision is made by the principal whether to accept the application.

"We tell the student it is a privilege to be part of our program. They're given the expectations of what's acceptable and the program has worked out very well," Charest said.

Presently, there is no formalized procedure for deciding which grades and which elementary schools have room to accept school choice students without creating overcrowding. But, some School Committee members want to see a School Committee policy outlining the application process and possibly designating which grades may accept more students.

"According to the law, we as a School Committee may set the terms for accepting students and I think we should decide how to go about it," said committeewoman Teresa Kozloski.

Specific Number

Mrs. Kozloski said she preferred to have the town advertise a specific number of seats at specific grade levels as other area school systems do.

Committeewoman Linda Galarneau said the specific grade level assignments should not be part of a School Committee policy, but should be left up to the discretion of school administrators. "I don't think Mr. Charest or the principals would accept more children than we have room for," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Charest said his current practice is to avoid accepting students into the Middle School where class sizes tend to be high and to make school choice assignments by working with the principals to identify which grades and schools can accept a few more students.

Johnson agreed the committee should adopt a formal policy for dealing with school choice issues.

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Police Dept. To Once Again Sponsor Bike Safety Rodeo

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you need a low-cost bike helmet for your kids or if your kids like to have fun learning how to keep themselves safe while riding their bikes, the Agawam Police Department has just the ticket for you.

The APD is sponsoring a Bike Safety Rodeo in the parking lot of Agawam High School on Saturday, May 23rd between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages will receive a certificate of completion for riding a rodeo course and parents will have the opportunity to purchase an ANSI-approved bike helmet for their children for \$8. Currently, Massachusetts law requires that riders 12 years of age and under must wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike.

Representatives of Axler's Bicycle Corner will be on hand to provide bike safety inspections while DARE officers and bike patrol officers will be registering bikes for the Police Department's theft prevention program.

"Every year, we get a positive response from both the parents and the kids," said Sergeant Steven Draghetti, Safety Officer. "Last year, we had over 200 kids riding in the rodeo."

This year, members of the Agawam Kiwanis Club will be helping the kids navigate their way through a rodeo course testing their riding skills while helping build their confidence on a bike.

Some New Challenges

Draghetti said the rodeo course will feature many of the same events the children have been enjoying for the last three years, with some new challenges thrown in.

"We like to add something new every year," Draghetti said. "This year, we'll have an event for the kids to get used to looking out for cars as they're riding their bikes. We'll have a cardboard cutout of a car and the kids will have to practice looking both ways for cars."

Although the bike rodeo is geared for the elementary and middle school aged children, the bike registration program is for everyone.

"I would support everyone registering their bikes," Draghetti said. "Especially since it's not unusual for an adult's mountain bike to cost \$800. Last year, we had \$45,000 worth of stolen bikes, including an \$8,000 racing bike."

When bikes are registered with the Police Department, the information identifying the bike, including the frame number, is stored in a computer database and a registration sticker is attached to the frame of the bike. Even if a stolen bike is recovered in another city, the sticker can be traced back to Agawam, Draghetti said.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of KEVIN M. STANIKMAS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-8, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a fence at the premises identified as: 36 VASSAR ROAD.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman
Published: May 14, 1998

Veterans Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

Flagging Of Veterans' Graves & WWII List ("A")

The Agawam Veterans' Council will be flagging town cemeteries on Saturday, May 16th. The rain date will be Sunday, May 17th. All organizations and interested residents are invited to help. Volunteers will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade registrations have been mailed. If your organization has not been contacted and would like to march with us, please contact Veterans' Services at 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

This week, we will begin listing Agawam's World War II list of wartime veterans to be included on our Honor Roll to be erected on Veterans' Green next year. This week's listing will include all veterans whose last name begins with "A."

If you are a wartime veteran and you lived in Agawam when you entered military service in World War II, your name should be on this list. If your name is not listed, it will be necessary for you or the family of the veteran to provide a copy of the veteran's discharge from service and documentation of residency in Agawam at time of entry into military service.

This week's list is just those last names which begin with "A"; others will be published in subsequent weeks. If you have any questions, contact our office at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

WWII Honor Roll List - "A"

Alexander O. Adam, Joseph Agnoli, Robert W. Ahern, Joseph Albano, Patsy A. Albano, Frank R. Allen, Jr., Angelo Aloisi, Arthur R. Aloisi, Bartholomew L. Aloisi, Albert R. Alvingini, Clarence G. Anderson, Roy S. Anderson, Stanley L. Anderson, Clarence P. Andruss, Eugene R. Andruss, Joseph Antico, Charles F. Ardizoni, Henry F. Arnold, John J. Arnold, Ronald C. Atwater, Richard C. Auwin, Carmen A. Aversa, Charles R. Avezzie, Jr., and Norman Avondo.

(* Died while in service.)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Russo for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Keller Estates.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Anber Development for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Spear Farm Acres.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

Published: May 14, 1998

Keenan's Budget Amendment Supports Hampden County

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan (D) has announced the adoption of an amendment in the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget which transfers Hampden County's unfunded pension liability from the Hampden County Retirement System to the Commonwealth.

The \$28 million pension liability of Hampden County is comprised of retired county employees and employees of the County transferred to state service as a result of the abolishment of Hampden County Government.

"This is a huge victory," said Keenan. "It is fair, equitable, and financially responsible."

This amendment shifts the responsibility to recover the liability from the Hampden County Retirement System, which includes various communities and governmental units in Hampden County, to the Commonwealth. The Hampden County Retirement System will not be responsible for collecting the \$28 million liability.

However, the Commonwealth maintains the ability to recover the debt through the continuance of the county tax assessment and the netting of the assets and liabilities of an abolished county.

"This is great news for the communities I represent. The financial burden has been lifted and will allow for more flexibility in their budgets," Keenan stated.

At present, the responsibility of the unfunded pension liability resides with the Hampden County Retirement System. As of July 1, 1998, Hampden County Government will no longer exist; however, the Hampden County Retirement System will continue.

"The Commonwealth made the decision to abolish Hampden County Government. At the very least, it is the legislature's/Commonwealth's responsibility to ensure a smooth transition without adversely impacting Hampden County," added Keenan.

Keenan emphasized, "The pensions of city, town, and former county employees will not be changed in any way by this amendment, or the legislation that abolished Hampden County. These pensions were earned and will not be adversely affected."

This amendment will also shift the responsibility of recovering the unfunded pension liability of other abolished counties, including Middlesex, Worcester, and Franklin Counties.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
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(As Amended)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 49-7(9)(a) & (c) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO UPDATE THE HOURLY WAGES FOR ELECTION & CENSUS WORKERS AND THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS (Sponsored by Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk & George Bitzas, Councilor)

WHEREAS, the last time the hourly wages for election and census workers was updated was nine (9) years ago;

WHEREAS, the last time the annual salary for members of the Board of Registrars was updated was fifteen (15) years ago;

WHEREAS, the services provided by the Board of Registrars and the election workers during local, state and federal elections is critical to the democratic process in Agawam;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to update the hourly wages paid to election and census workers and the annual salary paid to the members of the Board of Registrars;

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby amends the hourly rates contained in Section 49-7(9)(c) of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective July 1, 1998 as follows:

Position Title - Precinct Warden; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$7.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$9.00/hour.

Position Title - Deputy Precinct Warden; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$6.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$7.80/hour.

Position Title - Precinct Clerk; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$7.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$9.00/hour.

Position Title - Deputy Precinct Clerk; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$6.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$7.80/hour.

Position Title - Voting Machine Set-Up Person; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$15.00/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$18.00/hour.

Position Title - Ballot Counter; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$5.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$6.60/hour.

Position Title - Constable; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$7.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$9.00/hour.

Position Title - Census Worker; Current Rate (Set 07/01/89) - \$7.50/hour; New Rate (Effective 07/01/98) - \$7.50/hour.

and the Agawam Town Council hereby amends the annual salary contained in Section 49-7(9)(a) of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective July 1, 1998 as follows:

Position Title - Registrar of Voters; Current Salary (Set 07/01/89) - \$600.00/year; New Salary (Effective 07/01/98) - \$750.00/year.

and the Agawam Town Council hereby amends Section 49-7(9)(a) of the Code of the Town of Agawam effective July 1, 1998 as follows:

Delete: Clerk Registrars

Dated this Fifth day of May, 1998.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Donald M. Rheault, Council President

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Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Jennie M. Lopez

Jennie M. (Liquori) Lopez, 83, of 84 Highland Street, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

She worked at Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Co. Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills 25 years ago.

She was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Her husband, Ernest Lopez, died in 1970.

She leaves a brother, Douglas of West Springfield; a sister, Stella Wynn of San Diego, California; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Maria U. Jaeger

Maria U. (Durr) Jaeger, 93, of 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She worked in the school cafeterias for several years.

Born in Oberkirch, Germany, she came to this country in 1929, and lived in Feeding Hills for 50 years.

She was a member of the Springfield Turnverein Club, and ran its kitchen for several years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul, in 1979, and her son, Emil, in 1991.

She leaves a daughter, Jean DeForge of Feeding Hills.

The funeral and burial were private, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Marco G. Amato

Marco G. Amato, 67, of 245 School Street, Chicopee, and 2 Gladstone Avenue, Wareham, died at home in Wareham.

He was a facility maintenance manager and courier for Spectrum Analytical in Agawam. He was previously a self-employed contractor for many years.

Born in Worcester, he lived in West Springfield for 30 years before coming to Chicopee 10 years ago.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield.

He was a Coast Guard veteran who served from 1947 until 1949.

He belonged to the Adriatic Club in Springfield, Knights of Columbus 2212, the Dante Club, and the Agawam Country Club.

He leaves his wife, Peggy Amato; five sons, Marco, Michael, and David, all of West Springfield, Patrick of Longmeadow, and Edward of Pompano, Florida; a daughter, Lynn Corrigan of Sedona, Arizona; a brother, Anthony of Springfield; three sisters, Vera Franko of Marston Mills, Rose Palazzi of Agawam, and Julie LaVoie of Wilbraham; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church. Burial was at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Mary A. Agen

Mary A. (Spellacy) Agen, 89, of Meadow Street, Agawam, and formerly of Eloise Street, Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

She lived in Springfield most of her life, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, Arthur A., died in 1979.

She leaves a son, Michael J. of West Springfield; two daughters, Carolyn Santaniello of Agawam and Marie Bates of Springfield; two sisters, Gertrude Anderson of Agawam and Margaret Campbell of Longmeadow; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or to any charity.

Catherine C. D'Amato

Catherine C. (Reilly) D'Amato, 85, of 105 Rowley Street, Agawam, died at a West Springfield nursing home.

She had been employed by the former Stillman's Department Store in Springfield.

She was also on the Rationing Board in Springfield during World War II.

Born in Springfield, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and was a member of its Holy Rosary Society.

She was a 53-year Agawam resident.

Her husband, Paul J. D'Amato, died in 1981, and a son, Paul J., died in 1970.

She leaves a son, James J., and a daughter, Kathleen A. D'Amato of Agawam, and a brother, Martin A. Reilly of Zephyr Hills, Florida.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Dorothy C. Drewes

Dorothy C. (Pease) Drewes, 88, of 22 Federal Street Extension, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Hopedale, MA, she lived there for nine years, in Springfield for 50 years, and Chatham, MA, for 28 years before moving to Agawam two years ago.

She was a graduate of Commerce High School in Springfield, and was a legal secretary for the law firm of Simpson, Clason, Callahan and Guistina for several years, and also did private secretarial work.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, Herman E. Drewes; a son, Gerald C. Drewes of Agawam; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her brother, Robert W. Pease, died last year.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family, and Agawam Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Memorial Day Service For The Unborn Slated For Sun., May 24th

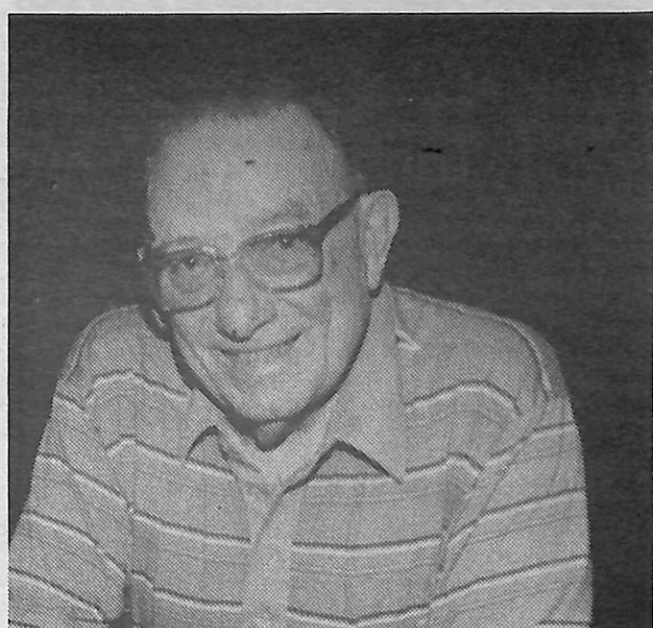
On Sunday, May 24th, a Memorial Day service for the unborn will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery, 425 Bay Street, Springfield.

The time of the short ceremony is at 1:00 p.m. Those coming will gather behind the soldier's monument.

The remains of hundreds of babies killed by abortion at Baystate Medical Center have been laid to rest in a mass grave at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, pro-lifers from the Western Mass. area will gather at this gravesite to honor these children who are real life casualties in the war against the unborn.

ADVERTISER NEWS



Joseph J. Ferrari

On Thursday, May 7th, Joseph J. Ferrari, 76, of 5 Memorial Park, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Agawam, he was raised and educated in West Springfield, and was then a lifelong Agawam area resident.

He had retired 10 years ago and was the past owner of DePalma Motor Sales and DePalma Transportation, both of Feeding Hills.

He was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church, having served as a Deacon there and was involved with many other church offices and activities.

He was a life member of the Agawam Lions Club, and held membership with the UNICO Club of Agawam, the Massachusetts and National Automotive Advisory Boards, and the School Bus Association.

He had also served our country during World War II in the United States Army Air Force Unit, receiving a Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary (DePalma); two sons, Stephen Ferrari of Feeding Hills, and Phil Ferrari of Avon, Connecticut; a daughter, Phyllis Ferrari of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 11th, at Agawam Baptist Church, followed by burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Calling hours were held on Sunday, May 10th, at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Ambulance Fund, 850 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Roger A. Gagnon

Roger A. Gagnon, 83, of 127 Lealand Avenue, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 40-year machinist for the former Package Machinery Co. of East Longmeadow, and retired in 1972.

He was a well-known dog obedience trainer and judge and, for many years, operated a dog obedience school at the Baptist Church.

He was born and schooled in Springfield, and lived in Agawam for 35 years.

He belonged to the American Kennel Club.

His wife, Barbara (Foster) Gagnon, died in 1990, and he was predeceased by a son, Roger E., and a daughter, Ruth Gagnon.

He leaves two other sons, Robert E. Gagnon of Methuen, and Richard of Springfield; another daughter, Rita Gagnon of West Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with the burial in the cemetery in New Lebanon, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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Historical Museum Receives Donation For Handicap Lift

A major cost factor and structural complication in the conversion of the old Elm Street fire station to a historical museum is a state mandated requirement for a handicap accessible mechanical lift.

The purchase cost of the lift alone is approximately \$15,000. Sylvia Deliso, Agawam Cultural Council chairperson, recently informed the Agawam Historical Association that the Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded it a grant of \$1,000. The grant is application specific to the mechanical lift under a provision that requires the Historical Association to provide matching funds and that the project be completed within one year.

Rick Bellico, President of the Historical Association, was generous in his thanks to the Cultural Council. He said, "I hope this provides incentive to others in the community to help us achieve our \$30,000 fundraising goal as soon as possible so that construction can begin and the lift installed within the mandated one year time frame. As of today, we have less than \$10,000 to go."

John Zebryk, Vice President of the Historical Association, also thanked the council. He pointed out that the council was one of the very first major contributors when the fundraising began in 1996 and is most deserving of its place in "Chief's Circle" category of major contributors.

The Historical Association offers a number of attractive gift items for sale as part of its fundraising efforts. These are on permanent display at the new Fire Headquarters on Main Street. It also seeks new members to participate in the museum project. For more information, please call 786-7329.



AT THE FUTURE Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum: John R. Zebryk, Historical Association Vice President; Virginia Heyl and Sylvia Deliso, Agawam Cultural Council; and Rick Bellico, Historical Association President.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Noted Curator To Address Historical Assoc.'s Annual Mtg.

Does your attic contain historic photographic treasures? For many of us, the answer is, "Yes."

Those attending the May 27th annual dinner meeting of the Agawam Historical Association will have the opportunity of learning how to recognize and preserve those precious pictorial views of our past. Featured speaker will be Melonie Solomon, Curator of History at the Springfield Library and Museums.

Melonie is an engaging speaker who has received wide acclaim for the excellence of the photographic exhibits she has collected and arranged. Her remarks will include specific comments and advice about the photographs the Historical Association is collecting from local townspeople for Agawam's new Historical and Fire Museum.

The meeting will be at the Captain Charles Leonard House and is open to the public. A brief business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers for the 1998-99 year. A special buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the speaker's presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$11. The buffet has been planned to appeal and please a wide variety of tastes. Included will be various ham, chicken, and pasta items with all the "fixings" (as well as dessert). For reservations, call the Millers at 786-7329 by May 22nd.

An open invitation is extended to the entire community to participate in a pleasant and informative evening. Rick Bellico, President of the Historical Association, points out that the Museum project is now at a critical stage:

"We have begun receiving artifacts for the new museum. However, we still are a little less than \$10,000 short of our \$30,000 fundraising goal to renovate the building and provide space to house these items. The community's continued interest and support is essential."

All the hometown news

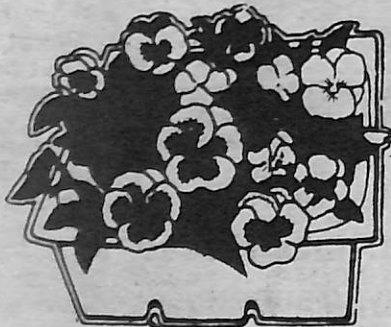
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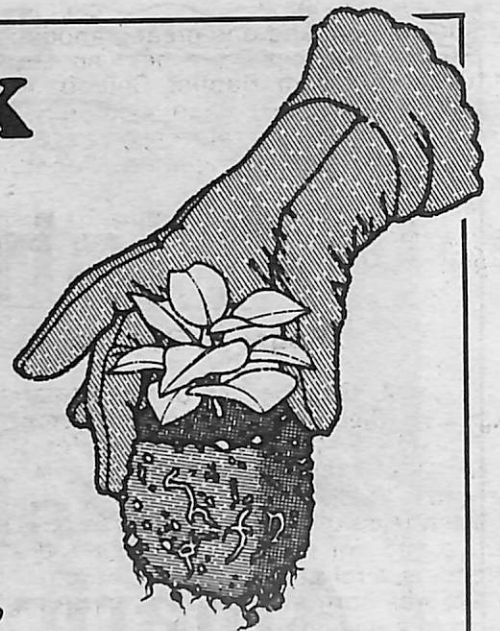
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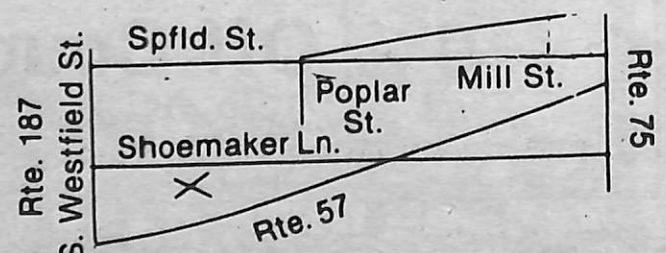
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Coverlets From Ag. Lioness Club Now Come In Two Colors

The Agawam Lioness Coverlet Sale has been a great fundraiser for the organization. Besides the green color, which has been a good seller, the club now has maroon, which is a very attractive color.

They can be ordered from any Lioness member or by calling Joanne Rocca, 789-0153.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 586 Announces "Dog Wash" For Saturday, May 16th

Junior Girl Scout Troop 586 is sponsoring a "Dog Wash" to be held Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Dave's Soda & Pet City in Agawam.

The cost is \$3 per dog. All proceeds will benefit

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This fourth-grade troop has planned and organized this event themselves as the leadership part of its "Sign of the World" badge.

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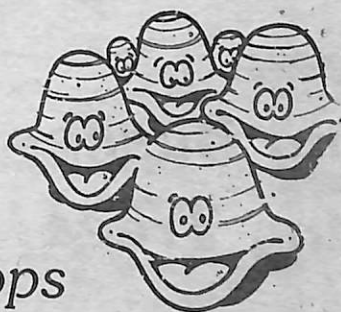
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Art Zavarella Is Honored For 75 Years In Amateur Radio

On April 18, 1998, Art Zavarella, formerly of Agawam and now of Southwick, was honored with the presentation of a plaque from the Quarter Century Wireless Association recognizing his 75 years in amateur radio.

This prestigious award is seldom issued except to the pioneers of amateur radio.

Born on November 23, 1906 in Sulmona, Italy, Art Zavarella came to the U.S. in 1916 at the age of 10. He first operated amateur radio in 1923 as W1AIG.

From 1926 through 1930, he attended Worcester Polytech, majoring in chemistry and chemical engineering. He later earned his master's degree at Holy Cross. In 1934, Art served a brief stint with the Civilian Conservation Corps and in 1936, he became a junior chemist at the Navy Torpedo Station in Newport, Rhode Island.

From 1940 through 1966, Art was head of the Materials Laboratory at the Springfield Armory, where he patented a method to extend machine gun barrel life by 100 percent. His idea to chrome plate the break area is said to have helped win the Battle of Britain. He later spent nine years as a professor of physical sciences at Westfield State College, retiring at the age of 70.

Art was appointed Civilian Defense Radio Officer for Agawam in 1950 and served as Civilian Defense Director from 1955 until 1980.

On October 7, 1957, Art picked up the coded signals from the first Soviet rocket sent into space, Sputnik. In 1983, he made another extraterrestrial contact when U.S. astronaut Owen K. Garriott brought a ham radio along with him on the space shuttle Columbia. Art has also bounced dots and dashes of Morse Code off the moon to fellow radio operators across the globe.

Art has been instrumental in many local people getting their first ham license by guiding them with the Morse Code and technical requirements needed to pass the Federal Communications test. He is capable of understanding Morse Code at 45 words per minute.

He has also been very involved in relaying radiograms across the country in a network of stations designed to deliver personal messages from hams, friends, or anyone wishing to utilize this system. This radio network prepares amateur radio operators in proficiency during times of natural disasters or other emergencies.



AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS "ham" it up with honoree Art Zavarella: Mike Ludkiewicz, Charles Dunlap, Pat Smith, Art Zavarella, Larry Smith, Betty Phillips, Yorke Phillips, and George Hughes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High's Class Of 1953 To Celebrate 45th Reunion At Elks Pavilion In West Side

The Agawam High School Class of 1953 will hold a 45th class reunion on June 27, 1998 at the Elks pavilion on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

An old-fashioned New England clambake is planned. The reunion committee is also planning a brunch for Sunday morning at the Ivanhoe Restaurant in West Springfield. The committee has found some classmates by using the Internet, but there are still some classmates who have not

been found.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Leo Polanczak or John Walker III, please call Jerry Fogg at 786-5998 or any other member of the committee.

The committee members are Barbara Borgatti Rovelli, Ellen Claus Dzienisz, Lois Ann Johnson Ruby, Janet Willard Wysocki, Beverly Beauchene Tetreault, Richard August, Gail Peeso Bates, and Jerry Fogg.

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Donations Are Helping To "Spruce Up" Agawam Senior Center

Assisted by contributions from local businesses and charitable institutions, the work of modernizing and refurbishing the Senior Center is going forward.

The biggest donation to date has come from the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, who donated \$8,300 to replace all of the carpeting. Additional donations have been received from the Polish American Club, Golden Age Club Chapter 1, Ricco Products, and the Agawam UNICO.

The town's maintenance department, under Tony Albro, has done much of the work, including replacing all ceiling tiles, building a new reception area, and painting the entire interior. New furnishings are on order and should be delivered soon. The Council On Aging is planning an open house late in June.

Donations can be made out to the Agawam Senior Center Building Fund, 68 Meadowbrook Man, Agawam, MA 01001.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 18th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, rye bread, grapes.

Tuesday, May 19th: Strip steaks with gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, pears.

Wednesday, May 20th: Meatloaf with gravy, ranch mashed potatoes, tossed salad, roll, brownie.

Thursday, May 21st: Golden carrot soup, turkey sandwich, pickled beets, rolls, tapioca pudding.

Friday, May 22nd: Grape juice, vegetable lasagna, tomato/cucumber salad, whole wheat bread, peaches.

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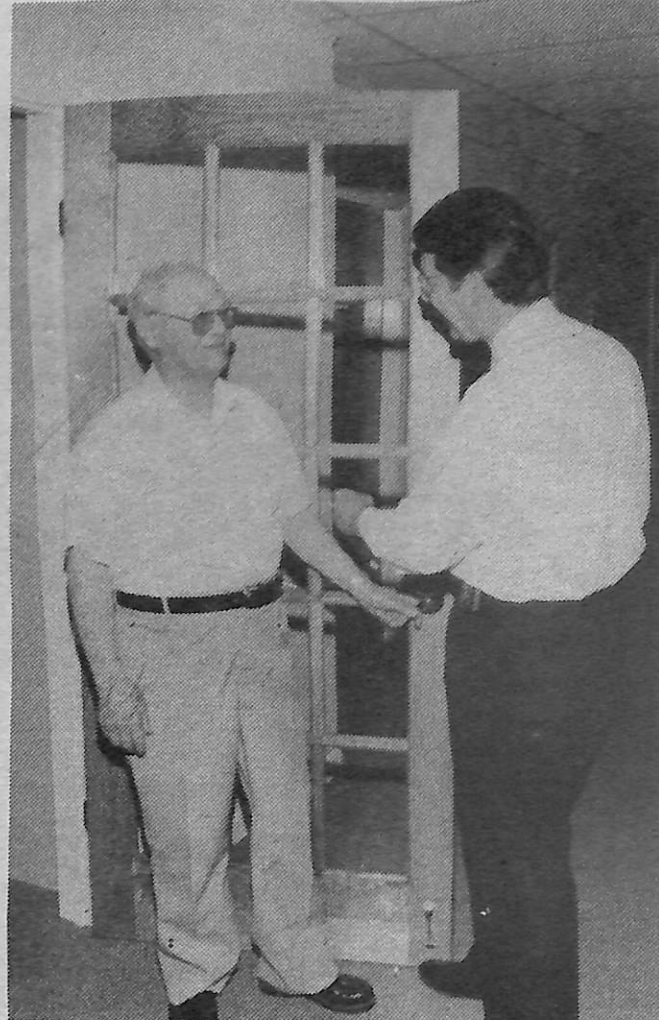
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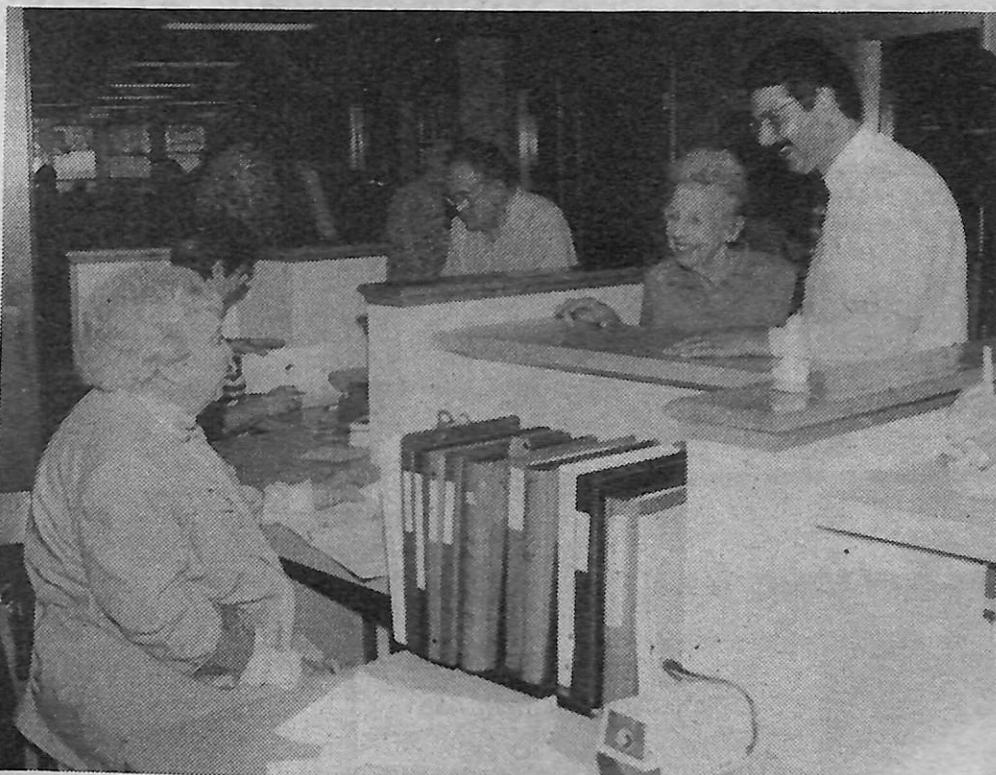
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Senior Center Deputy Director Gail Freeman and Executive Director Richard Mundo are "bookish" over the cleanup. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Peter Forastiere (far right), Chairman of the Agawam Council on Aging, shows off a newly refurbished door to one of the Senior Center "regulars." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CENTER RECEPTIONIST Louise Mattoon (seated) chats with Doris Heineman and COA Chairman Peter Forastiere. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

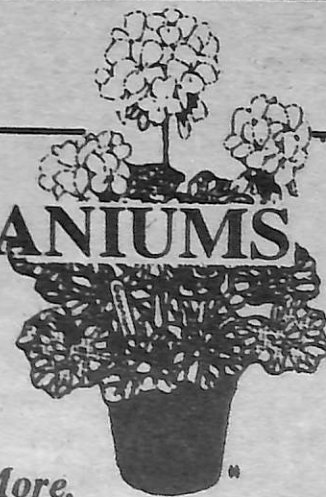
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Thank You, Agawam Library Volunteers!!!



ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD, the Agawam Public Library held a reception for their hard-working and ever-dedicated volunteers. From left to right: Myrtle Bryson, Dot Brown, Norma Wheeler, Dot Coon, Ruth Galica, Ruth Roberts, and Pauline Mortenson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Steve And Lisa Daniels Announce Birth Of Daughter

Steve and Lisa Daniels of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Ann, on Wednesday, April 15th at Baystate Medical Center.

She weighed six pounds, 11.9 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Enest and Ann Ghidoni of South Yarmouth, Lawrence and Nancy Daniels of Agawam, and her great-grandfather, Erol Bowie of Williamsburg.

Baby Kaitlyn was happily welcomed home by her big brother, Ryan.

The O'Brien Family Announces Birth Of Son

Frank and Ellen O'Brien proudly announce the birth of a son, Francis Xavier, born on April 26, 1998, weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces, and 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by sister, Sheila, and brother, Terry. Grandparents are Barbara Leahy of East Longmeadow and Jack and Norma O'Brien of Haines City, Florida.

New Alzheimer's Support Group For Caregivers

The Atrium at 153 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, has announced a new support group aimed at helping families and friends caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory disorder.

The group will meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the Community Room of Fairfield Mall in Chicopee.

Volunteers will be available on a limited basis to assist with caring for the spouse while the caregiver attends the support group. Support groups offers a safe environment to share ideas, feelings, and concerns.

All meetings are free and open to the public. The next scheduled support group is planned for Wednesday, May 20th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call The Atrium at 821-9911 or 788-7700.

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For most caregivers, an adult day program is an important source of support. And if your loved one has Alzheimer's disease, an adult day program specifically designed around memory loss is the best choice.

Activities are scaled to what can be done successfully by all participants, creating a "failure free" environment. Participants feel a sense of purpose and have a chance to make new friends. Caregivers get some personal time to help them through the burden of providing daily care. Everyone benefits, which often means the individual can remain at home longer.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease, support groups available, and day care, please call The Atrium's Adult Day Program at 788-7700. We're a non-profit organization, and we're here to help you!

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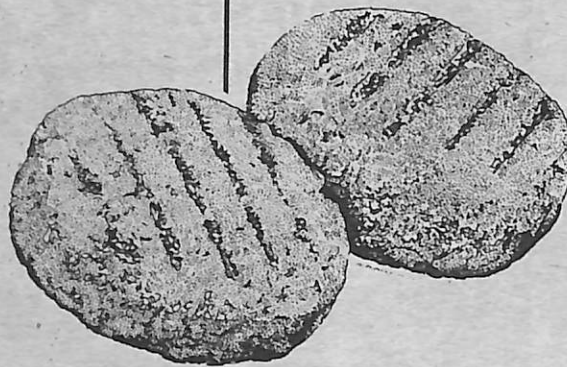
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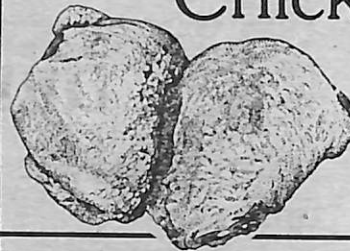
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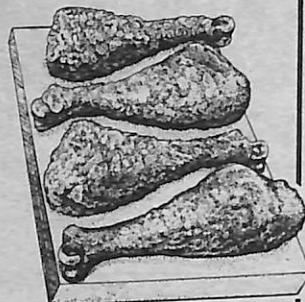
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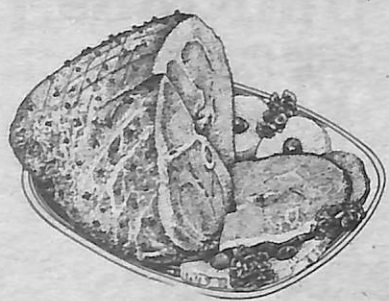
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Agawam Women's Club Elects Officers...



ON MONDAY, APRIL 27TH, at Patsy's Restaurant & Lounge in West Springfield, the Agawam Women's Club held its annual election of officers. The outgoing officers are Sandy Mueller, Faith Freeman, Marion Mills, Marjorie Greenough, Nancy Smith, Karen Douglass, Phyllis Catchepaugh, Alice Collins, and Elaine Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE INCOMING OFFICERS of the Agawam Women's Club at Patsy's Restaurant & Lounge: Faith Freeman, Sandy Mueller, Phyllis Damon, Jeanne Webster, Phyllis Catchepaugh, Karen Douglass, Joyce Roche, Alice Collins, Bernice Nowill, and Doris Kistner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

June 6th Is The Date For The Jr. Women's Arts & Crafts Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items, including postage stamp art, bamboo flutes, unique jewelry, woodcrafts, etc. Come see the selection of high quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 80-100 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the AJWC Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House, as well.

Parking will be available at the Bethany Assembly of God parking lot. There will be side street parking where posted. Parking will not be allowed along Main St. (Rte. 159).

Agawam Garden Club To Hold Annual Plant Sale On Sat., May 16th

The annual plant sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 16th, on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam.

There will be hanging pots and geraniums offered for sale in addition to an assortment of annuals and perennials. Vegetables and herbs will also be featured, and there will be a baked goods table.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward club projects, including the Scholarship Fund. The sale will be held rain or shine, according to Judith Cline, who, along with Kathy Norris, is in charge of the event.

Further information can be secured from Mrs. Cline at 786-3736.

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Spfld. Turnverein's Choral Director Marks His 40th Anniversary

The Springfield Turnverein proudly celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Alfred Hellinger as the Choral Director of the Men's Singing Section recently.

Following dinner, several presentations were made. Proclamations from the House of Representatives, Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci, and the Deutsche Saengerbund in Germany were read. A proclamation from the German Consulate was also read.

A 40-year pin was presented to Mr. Hellinger by the club president, Kurt Walther. A silver bowl was presented by Wilma Gillan, member of the Board of Directors. A camcorder and accessories were presented by Fred Groll, representing the Men's Singing Section. Marianne Alden made a presentation from the Ladies' Glee Club.

We were honored to have the president of the Connecticut Saengerbund, Evelyn Schultz, and the Director of the Hartford Saengerbund, Roy Madeia, with us. Each made a presentation to Mr. Hellinger. Mr. Madeia also conducted two selections so that Mr. Hellinger could sit and relax and enjoy the music. We are pleased to be joined by several members of the Hartford Saengerbund for the mass chorus.

Music for the evening's dancing and listening pleasure was provided by "The Austrian Boys."

Agawam Senior Games Athletes To Hold May 23rd Fundraiser

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes are busy planning a large tag/bake sale, along with a car wash, at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, May 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They are asking all family members and friends to come forward with clean, usable tag sale items. The athletes have a reputation of having very good prices and a good selection of merchandise for sale.

The members all bake up some irresistible goodies for the bake sale, and they serve coffee and donuts for a dollar.

Many folks in town look forward to the tag sales held by the Agawam Senior Games Athletes, and the athletes all hope that those who have not come to one of their tag sales, will certainly give it a try this time.

Hope to see you all there!!!

Homebuying Seminar At Agawam Library

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ALFRED HELLINGER (far right), the 40-year Choral Director of the Men's Singing Section at the Springfield Turnverein, with Roy Madeia (Hartford Saengerbund Director), Evelyn Schultz (Connecticut Saengerbund President), Kurt Walther (Turnverein President), and Fanny Hellinger. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HONORING ALFRED HELLINGER (third from the right) at the Springfield Turnverein: Kurt Walther, Wilma Gillan, Fanny Hellinger, Marianne Aldren, and Fred Groll. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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AT AGAWAM UNICO'S recent pancake breakfast: left photo - Rose Morassi, nine month-old Samuel Morassi, and mom Christine Morassi; center photo - UNICO "chefs" Terry Letellier and Ed Disco; right photo - little Kayleen Gerow, granddaughter of AAN photographer Jack Devine. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Stanley Park In Westfield Is Now Open 'Til Mid-October

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th was the opening day for Stanley Park. The park will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dusk through mid-October.

Carillon bell and organ concerts will be presented each Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. through mid-October. Kathy Chapdelaine, Stanley Park Carillonneur, will offer a variety of one-hour programs.

Special concerts will be held in Stanley Park every Sunday beginning May 24th and continuing through September 6th. These concerts are scheduled from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Garden Workshops are scheduled for 10 Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m., the first starting May 16th.

There will be a series for children starting on Friday, July 3rd and continuing every Friday up to August 7th. There is no charge for admission to the park and its concerts or workshops. All concerts, children's series, and workshops are held in the sheltered pavilion and are free of charge. Chairs are available.



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"THANKS FOR BREAKFAST!!!" The members of Agawam's UNICO chapter at their pancake breakfast, which was held on Sunday, May 3rd, at the Italian Sporting Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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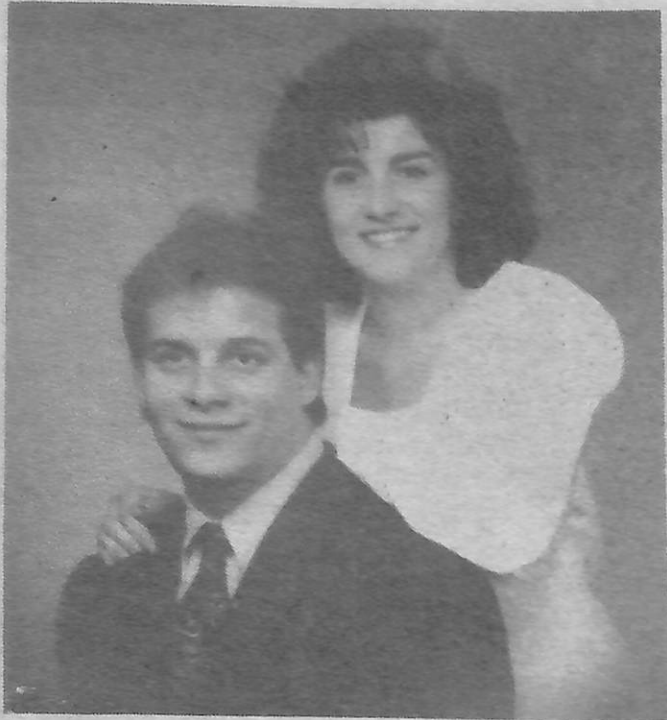
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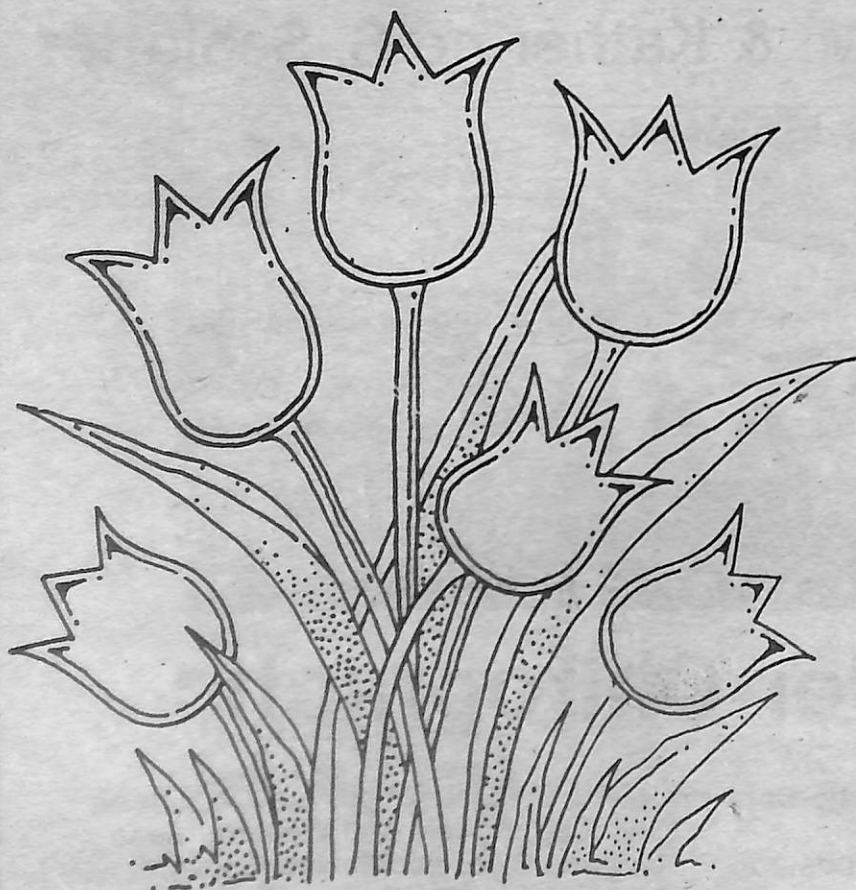
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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 7:15 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, to allow for provisions to regulate "Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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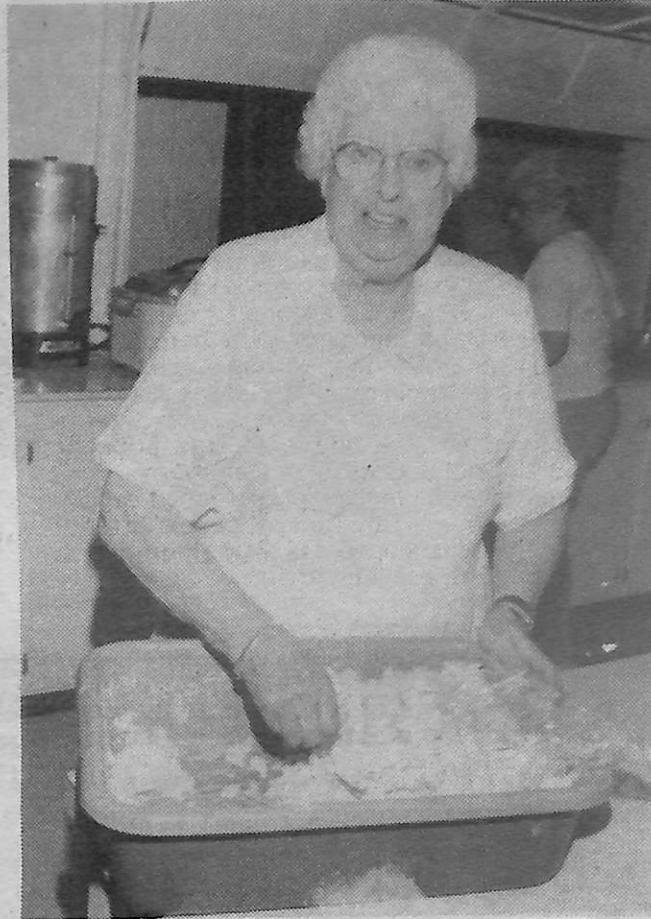
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Church News

Spring Smorgasbord At First Baptist Church



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in Agawam Center held its Annual Spring Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 2nd. From left - Everett Hodge dishes out the cold cuts; in middle photo - Chester Bond and Grace Brown are all smiles when going through the service line; in photo right - Jean Goss was hard at work in the kitchen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. Congregational On Saturday, May 16th

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Ham & Bean Dinner on Saturday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes baked ham and raisin sauce, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended; a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908 before noon on Friday, May 15th.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2908 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Check our classified pages every week

Boiled Ham Dinner Slated At Agawam United Methodist

A boiled ham dinner will be served this Saturday, May 16th, at Agawam United Methodist Church, located at 491 Mill Street.

The dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., and tickets are \$7 (general admission), \$6 (seniors), and \$3 (kids under 12 years of age).

For a reserved seat, call 786-3261.

St. David's Church Has Scholarship

A monetary award from the Albert Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship Fund is offered each year to a high school senior who will be entering college in the fall and who has been an active member of St. David's Church for at least five years.

Those interested in applying for this scholarship should obtain an application from the church office, complete it, and return it to the office by May 18th.

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Church News - continued...**Blue & Gold Banquet
Held By Pack 85 Of
Ag. United Methodist**

On Saturday, April 25th, Cub Scout Pack 85 of Agawam United Methodist Church held their Blue & Gold Banquet at the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam. Over 130 people attended.

Tigers advanced to Wolf Scouts, Wolves moved up to Bear, Bears became first-year Webelos, and the first-year Webelos became second-year Webelos as they received the badge of rank they had spent this past year working for.

Den Chiefs from Boy Scout Troops 82 and 78 were issued Den Chief cords for their help with the Pack. The highlight of the evening was when four senior members of the Pack, Alex Gohn, Richard O'Connell, Andrew Jensen, and Erik Jensen, crossed over the bridge to Boy Scout Troop 82 with an Indian Crossover Ceremony.

Webelos Leader Paul Jensen also crossed over the bridge to become a Boy Scout Leader. After the ceremony, guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, juice, coffee, dessert, and leisure time to talk with family and friends.

The Blue & Gold Banquet was enjoyed by all and an evening Cub Scouts and their families won't forget. Along with it, Pack 85 closed out another successful year of fun and learning as their boys advanced in rank and went on to become Boy Scouts.

**News & Events From
St. John's Parish**

We welcomed 58 new members to the Table of the Lord this Saturday. We rejoice in this very special day of their lives.

May they and their families stay close to our Eucharistic Lord all the days of their lives. Our special thanks to all who helped them prepare for this day: their parents and grandparents, their god-parents, the religion teachers, and the parish community in general, passing on to these children the gift and witness of faith.

WELCOME

We received the following children into the Parish Family with Baptism recently:

Allen James Fox, child of Steven & Paula; Lydia Rose Riccio, child of Richard and Robyn; Jacqueline Marie Rybinski, child of Scott and Diane.

TEEN ENCOUNTER

There will be a TEEN ENCOUNTER RETREAT here at St. John's June 6th and 7th. This will not be the traditional Encounter Weekend, rather a variation of it.

Open to teens ages 14-18 (grades 9-12), it starts on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday evening. The sessions will include talks, discussions, prayer, free time, food, and song.

Cost is \$35 with some financial help available. To register, please call Sr. Fran Gloster, 786-8105. Why not give it a try? Those who have enjoyed the experience! Deadline is June 1st.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The next Marriage Encounter will be June 12th-14th at Jiminy Peak. Interested? Call Bob & Marie Lussier at 783-0889.

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be on May 31st at 2:00 p.m. More details next week.



CUB SCOUT PACK 85 of the Agawam United Methodist Church recently held its Annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Springfield Turnverein. Over 130 people attended the event.

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Valley Comm. Church Welcomes Visitors To Its Worship Service

The doors of Valley Community Church are open wide as we warmly welcome our visitors to Worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Steve Dennehy will share his message taken from the gospel of John 14:23-29.

Come and learn how the peace of Christ resides in the hearts of Christians forever, while the peace of the world is shallow and temporary. Also during the worship service, we shall celebrate the admission of new members into the church family.

The Children's Worship Service begins at 10:00 a.m. in Dunn Hall. This Sunday, they will learn just who the Holy Spirit is and what role He plays in their lives.

We invite everyone to join us for Coffee and Fellowship in Dunn Hall at 10:30 a.m. as members and friends gather to enjoy each other's company.

Church School begins at 11:00 a.m., with classes for all ages, from first grade through to the adults. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers throughout the morning.

The Mission Committee jumps into action at 4:30 p.m. as they deliver a hot supper to Springfield's Loaves and Fishes. This is one area of ministry that is never short-handed as church members rally to help those in need.

Members of the Parish Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. All on the committee are encouraged to attend as there are many items to be discussed and planned for the upcoming months.

The Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday as the home of Margie Secora.

The church hall will be reverberating with the sound of music on Wednesday evening as both Junior and Senior Chords meet for rehearsals.

The Junior Choir meets at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m. The sounds of their voices can be heard throughout the grounds as they practice their songs of praise.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 will meet on Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. where they will begin to wrap up their projects for the year.

Valley Community Church is an inter-denominational church and a member of the International Council of Community Churches. The church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

best local news...

Agawam Congregational Church Lists Events & Activities

There will be a training session for children ages four through sixth grade to become Acolytes on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

An Acolyte brings the light of Christ into the church and brings it back out into the world during each Worship Service.

Also on Saturday, May 16th, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a training session for Lay Readers held at the church. Anyone interested in becoming a Lay Reader may attend.

The "Faith in Action" series for the ninth grade Church School class continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. They will hear from many different speakers about how their faith helps them in their daily lives.

This Sunday, May 17th, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and the Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

It is also Youth Sunday. The second, third, and fourth grade Church School classes will be leading and participating in the Worship Service.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Rivers of Change," taken from Text: Acts: 16:9-15. The Children's Message will be: "A Living River," given by the fourth grade Church School teacher, David Bertagnolli.

The Children's Choir will rehearse following the Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

A Campership Auction will be held this Sunday, following the Worship Service, in Bryan Hall during Coffee Hour. Any donated items or services are being received by Dan Pander, Christian Ed/Youth Director, or call the church office, 786-7111.

This fundraiser is to assist youth attending Summer Camps.

The first Planning Meeting for the summer Vacation Bible Camp is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Crib Room.

All Junior and Senior High youth are invited to attend the Youth Group Meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. held in the Youth Room.

The Adult Education Class continues each

Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. following the Midweek Worship.

Rev. Curt D. Fuller will be leading the class. Child care will be provided each week from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. to encourage families to attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is toilet paper.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Catering Committee is having a Ham & Bean Dinner on Saturday, May 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include baked ham & raisin sauce, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. Mark your calendars today!

Come and enjoy a special night of music. A Cabaret will be presented on Saturday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. by the Adult Choir and area musicians.

The Cabaret will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

The Youth Groups of the church are hosting an evening of talent and variety on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for this fun-filled evening for all ages.

There are still tickets available to the "West Side Story" performance at Springfield Symphony Hall on Saturday, June 6th. They are only \$29.50 each.

Please call the church office, 786-7111, to reserve your tickets today!

The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Pre-register by June 8th and save \$10 (the fee will be only \$25).

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Feeding Hills Congregational Church Lists Calendar Through May 21st

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for May 17th, the sixth Sunday of Easter, are Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5, and John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

The Lector will be Connie Haynes. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Reason We're Here."

Children are invited to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The deadline to submit articles for the church newsletter is Thursday, May 21st.

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale here at the church

"Youth Sunday" To Be Celebrated At First Baptist Church

"Youth Sunday" will be celebrated at the First Baptist Church this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Under the guidance of John Barber, Junior Youth Leader, the youth of the church will share their faith. The service will offer traditional as well as non-traditional presentations, and a slightly different perspective on some familiar scriptures.

Greeters will include Glenn Rennell, Joanna Aversa, Rick Barnes, and Nancy Barber.

The Sunday School Superintendent and staff will present a check, taken from the weekly Children's Collection, to Deacon Harry Durant for the Shriners Hospital.

During the Children's Story, Deacon Durant will tell the children about the work at the Shriners Hospital. The children and their parents will take a tour of the hospital during the regular Church School time.

This week on our agenda:

Monday, May 18th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, May 19th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club Annual Meeting and Banquet; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:00 p.m., Divorce Recovery.

Wednesday, May 20th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, May 21st: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Rummage Sale Slated At Mittineague United

There will be a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield.

Items being sold include clothing, linens, household items, furniture, jewelry, books, puzzles, and miscellaneous goodies. Come early in the day for best selection and best bargains.

Great prices, great people, great fun, but NO EARLY BIRDS! This sale is being held to raise funds for ongoing operating expenses of the church.

1st Western Mass. Handbell Festival Slated For May 16th

The first Western Massachusetts Handbell Festival will be held on May 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on Lathrop Street in West Springfield.

Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased in any of the churches in the West Springfield Parish Association or the Open Pantry at 1023 Main Street in West Springfield.

Tickets will be available at the door only if they are not sold out prior to May 16th. Reservations may be made by contacting Cassie Gilmartin at 734-7969 or 736-5242 evenings.

on Saturday, May 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event was postponed from an earlier date due to inclement weather.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate this time and you can stop by for some bargains, treats, and a chance to watch our Sunday School members in action as they give your car some TLC.

Please note that the office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th.

The Ladies Benevolent Society has scheduled a meeting for Friday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Plans are underway for the upcoming Strawberry Supper.

Your input is needed in organizing this popular event.

The Cub Scouts will hold their end of the year

picnic here on Sunday, May 17th, at 12:30 p.m.

On the calendar:

Thursday, May 14th: Elaine away; 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Friday, May 15th: 7:00 p.m., Ladies Benevolent Society.

Saturday, May 16th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Christian Education Tag Sale/Bake Sale and Car Wash.

Sunday, May 17th: 10:00 a.m., Worship Service; 12:30 p.m., Cub Scout Picnic.

Monday, May 18th: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, May 19th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

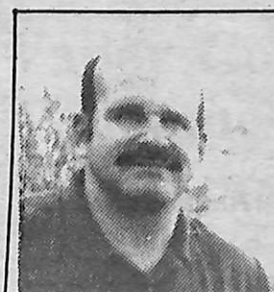
Wednesday, May 20th: 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.

Thursday, May 21st: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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The Process, The Power, And The Promise

Becoming a Christian is a very easy thing to do. One does not need to study for, nor pass, any entrance exams. There are no admission fees; the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only requirement is that people admit to God what they have probably admitted to others, that they aren't perfect and have made their fair

Faith Bible Church To Hold Tag Sale On May 15th & 16th

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, will be sponsoring a tag sale in the parking lot of the church on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate items may drop them off at the church on Wednesday, May 13th, from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m., and on Thursday, May 14th, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

We are collecting "Junk for Jesus" as part of our building fund for expansion in the near future. We are hoping the community comes out to find that special treasure.

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share of mistakes. Haven't each one of us said at least once, "Hey, I'm not perfect, I'm only human"?

Being a Christian, however, can present some challenges. Receiving God's forgiveness by accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior is a one-time event, for most people at least. By contrast, living out our faith by living in the context of a personal relationship with God is a day-by-day, even a moment-by-moment, process. Embracing Jesus Christ as our Lord, the person who has authority in our lives, is not nearly as easy as accepting Him as our Savior.

Jesus answered them, "Those who love Me will keep My word, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them. Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word that you hear is not Mine, but it is from the Father who sent Me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave you; My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The secret to success as a Christian is to do what God wants us to do, which may not always be what we want to do in a given situation. The challenge of being a Christian, a person who has a personal relationship with God and is one with whom God dwells, is a crisis of the will. The word that Jesus used in this passage for "love" is *Agape*, which describes an action. Jesus wants

us to live by faith, and not merely talk about living by faith. Although feelings of affection are great in and of themselves, that is not what Jesus is advocating. Jesus is advocating action, with the promise that the good feelings of God's presence will follow.

God does not expect anybody to live as a Christian on his or her own. Remember, nobody's perfect; and God already knows that! In this passage, we see Jesus not only describing a process, but also telling us where we are to get our power. The Holy Spirit will guide each person who truly wants to do God's will. The Holy Spirit will not force a person to act against their will, but "He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

Elsewhere, Jesus said that those who were willing to do God's will would know what God's will is. We should keep in mind that God's first and best way of speaking to us is through the Scripture, and the Holy Spirit will never contradict or disagree with the Bible.

Being a Christian is by no means too difficult for anybody. That's because God has already given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. The challenge of become a Christian is for many a matter of pride. We have to be humble enough to admit we are not fit for God's presence on our own. Being a Christian really is worth it, though. As we live through the process, God gives us the power. We will then enjoy the promise of God's presence and perfect peace in our lives.



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Spotlight On Business



THOMAS BURTON (left), President of Hampden Savings Bank, with Longmeadow FSO (Full Service Office) Manager Susan Dominick and Assistant Manager Susan Gosslin.



WESTFIELD BANK'S NEW CORPORATORS (from left to right): Dwight H. Arnold of Southwick, Gail A. O'Connor of Westfield, Jack Ford of East Longmeadow, and William J. Quinn of Wilbraham.

Hampden Savings Holds Grand Reopening For Longmeadow FSO

With its half million dollar renovation and expansion complete, Hampden Savings Bank held a grand reopening recently for its Longmeadow Full Service Office (FSO).

"For over 22 years, we have been serving the banking needs of many Longmeadow residents at this location," noted Thomas Burton, President of Hampden Savings Bank. "Through this expansion, we ensured that they will have convenient and contemporary banking services for the next two decades as well."

The FSO, which has been located at 475 Longmeadow Street (intersection of Bliss and Longmeadow streets) since 1976, has doubled in size and, due to unexpected demand, now con-

tains over 400 safe deposit boxes. "It was originally slated to have around 200 boxes," explained Robert Massey, the bank's treasurer, "but as soon as we started to offer them, people responded in droves." The bank also added ADA accessible teller stations, three private offices, a full-sized conference room, and a night deposit box.

Managed by Susan Dominick, a new addition to Hampden Savings Bank who possesses 17 years of experience in retail banking, this location is one of four FSOs spread across Hampden County. Including Longmeadow, three Hampden Savings Bank FSOs have been completely renovated, with a fourth, Allen Street, Springfield currently underway.

New Corporators At Westfield Bank

Westfield Bank recently announced the addition of four new corporators to the organization—Dwight H. Arnold of Southwick, farm manager of C.J. Arnold in Southwick; Jack Ford of East Longmeadow, president of Lindco of Springfield; Gail A. O'Connor of Westfield, a second grade teacher at the Juniper School in Westfield; and William J. Quinn of Wilbraham, president and treasurer of W.J. Quinn Construction in East Longmeadow.

"Westfield Bank is proud to add such talented, community-minded individuals as Corporators," said President Donald A. Williams. "Each one brings a unique business and civic perspective that will assist us as we continue to expand our services in the Pioneer Valley."

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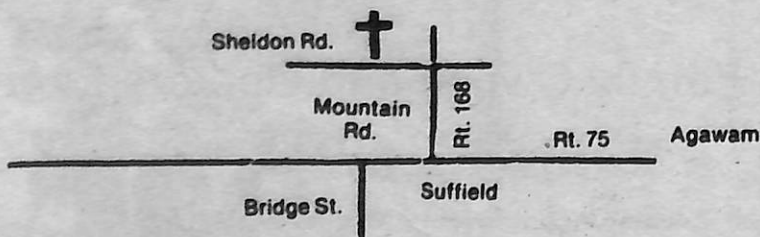
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Legal
Memo**

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**BANKRUPTCY****Discharge - Willful And Malicious Injury**

The plaintiff attendant at the defendant's service station was severely beaten by an intruder, while on duty. When he attempted to file for workers' compensation, the plaintiff learned that his employer had not obtained the required coverage, which was a violation of Massachusetts law.

The plaintiff initiated action in state court, charging that the defendant was strictly liable for failing to obtain the required insurance and for not providing adequate safety for the plaintiff at the service station.

Due to this court action, the defendant filed for chapter 7 bankruptcy protection, resulting in the plaintiff filing an adverse complaint in Bankruptcy Court seeking to have his state court claims determined to be nondischargeable.

The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel dismissed the plaintiff's complaint. The Court held that the complaint was rightly dismissed as the plaintiff's expenses and damages arising from the assault were not protected from discharge by the United States Congress chapter 11 section 523(a)(6).

It reasoned that the word "willful" in (a)(6) modifies the word "injury," indicating that non-dischargeability takes a deliberate or intentional injury, not merely a deliberate or intentional act that leads to injury.

If the Congress had meant to exempt debts from unintentionally inflicted injuries, the law would have been stated as "willful acts that cause injury" or modified "injury" by using words such as reckless or negligent.

This would have changed the category of the tort to an "intentional tort" rather than "negligent tort." This shift in emphasis would require the defendant to be aware of the "consequences of an act" rather than the simple "act itself."

The Court held that debts arising from recklessly or negligently inflicted injuries do not fall within the compass of section 523(a)(6) and therefore are not dischargeable in Bankruptcy Court.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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Nevertheless, if you want to get ahead, you must clearly understand that, no matter what your income, **you can find money to save/invest!** ... it's simply a matter of repositioning your income and priorities. Typically I hear, "We just barely get by," but if you're serious about building your financial security, there are ways to rearrange your current income to free up funds for investments. Let's take a look...

Pay yourself first ... this is one of the most important concepts that **you must put into effect.** Paying yourself first means putting yourself and your family before any other demands on your money. Deposit a set amount **every month** into some type of savings/investment program, regardless of your other financial obligations.

Adjust your priorities ... many people spend money on things they **don't really need** ... they just spend it on **things that come up.** They don't manage their money. If this is you, change your attitude/habits about your spending ... you must **take control NOW!**

Establish a budget ... it's the best way to take control of your spending. Determining what you will spend on certain items, and sticking to the plan, can make a world of difference in where your money goes. Budgeting is also a great way to determine where you're wasting your money. As a family exercise, keep a **simple budget** (if you make it complicated, you just won't keep it up) ... whenever money is spent, jot it down. I promise you that at the end of the month, you'll have a real eye-opener. You'll be amazed at how the little things add up to big dollars!

Adjust your lifestyle ... Along with controlling your money comes the matter of priorities, and along with setting priorities comes one tough rule of life ... **you can't have everything** ... you must make sacrifices for the future. **Distinguish between what you want and what you need.** If you are really serious about your financial future, you may have to postpone some of your desires and wants. It's kind of a trade-off ... do without something now so that you can have more later. I know it's tough, but it must be done.

Earn additional income ... If your family income is very modest, it may be tough to invest more than \$20 per month. If you want to make more significant progress toward investing for your future, you may want to take a part-time job to get the extra income for starting your investment program. I'm not going to tell you that it'll be a piece of cake (after all, work is work), but I'll tell you this; a little hard work never hurt anybody ... and, believe me, the rewards are worth it. Also, consider part-time work for all members of your family ... there's nothing wrong with having your children making a contribution to their expenses.

Realign your assets ... this simply means that you move around your current assets to give you a better return. Are you maximizing your 401-K program at your place of employment? ... are you putting money into an asset management account versus a savings account, and more.

Avoid the credit trap ... be sure to pay off your charges at the end of each billing period, otherwise you will find yourself paying 15-20 percent in finance charges. Be careful not to overspend ... it's so easy to take out the credit card at the register. For major purchases, save your money and pay cash, though if you must use an installment loan for a major purchase, finance as little as possible ... and don't load up your loan contract with little extras like credit life or disability insurance.

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See how many options you have. A few minutes ago, you may have thought that you couldn't come up with the money to start your path to financial freedom! ... but the fact is **you can do it!** You have a choice ... it's really quite easy ... **just don't give up!**

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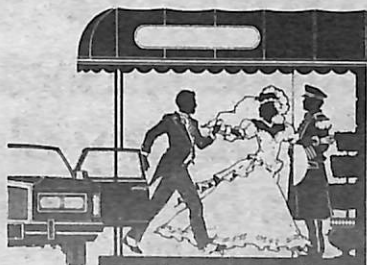
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Walt Disney's New Animal Kingdom

Now that tax season is long over, it's time to think about how you are going to spend your tax refund.

Well, Walt Disney World opened its newest theme park on April 22, 1998. In this new and mystical land of animals (real, imaginary, and extinct), the company's superb attention to detail shines through.

Here is a rundown of some of the top attractions in the theme park:

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AFRICA - Guests on the Kilimanjaro Safaris attraction board a 32-passenger, all-terrain safari vehicle that bounces and bumps over 110 acres of rough "African countryside."

ASIA - Most of Asia will open in Spring 1999.

THE OASIS - The Oasis offers a lush tropical garden that is home to exotic birds and animals.

So, check your calendar and plan to visit Walt Disney's Animal Kingdom in 1998.

*The staff of
The AAN welcomes
Lori Keeley, whose
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our weekly pages...*

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Molta Sales Associates Work At New England Auction

On Thursday, April 23rd, a team of 20 COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA Sales Associates worked the phone banks well into the early hours of Friday morning.

This is the second year for the KEENAN & MOLTA team, which plans on making The WGBY Great New England Auction an annual company event. Robert Molta, president of COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, said, "We've got a great team of individuals. The associates worked hard, but also had a great time. It's a pleasure to have the opportunity to make a contribution to the community we serve." Over \$300,000 was raised during the seven-day event. This was the auction's 25th anniversary.

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Use quality construction by using materials that look good and wear well. If you plan to do the work yourself, honestly evaluate your ability to do it right. A poor do-it-yourself job costs money in the long run.

And finally, keep your remodeling compatible with the existing house. Additions and improvements that look "tacked on" may detract from the home's appeal. Choose materials and design elements that match or blend with what's already there.

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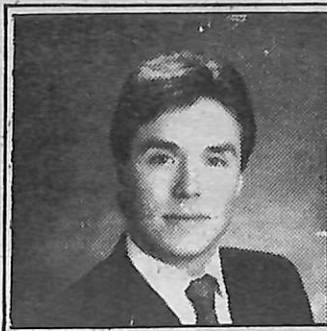
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Your Health During The Golf Season...

In case you haven't noticed, the golf season is now in "full swing."

A patient of mine, who is an avid golfer, was recently in complaining of low back pain and sciatica. I noticed his belly protruding a bit further over his belt than last year.

I commented on him being out of shape and his reply was something like this: "Oh, I'm really not out of shape. Besides, I swing the club a few times before tee-off. That's enough, right?"

The fact is the way many people play the game of golf, it can be more destructive rather than beneficial to their health.

Golf is one of the most popular sports in America. Thanks to players like Tiger Woods, the game is enjoying more popularity than ever.

Unfortunately, a large percentage of the players ride the full length and breadth of the course on a golf cart, do a great deal of talking and betting, which is followed by a full course of heavy drinking and eating on the 19th hole. This develops the paunch.

A large percentage of golfers also suffer from back problems. The reason for this is really quite simple. Driving a golf ball off the tee, down a long fairway requires a lot of physical effort. So does a long iron shot.

The problem is that you continually swing the club the same way, time after time after time. You are either right- or left-handed. So when you repeatedly swing that club one way, perhaps thousands of times each season, you are also twisting your spine and all the muscles in the same direction over and over again.

Don't think that this doesn't create an imbalance in muscles. Don't think that vertebra in your spine aren't going to suffer, too. They can become misaligned (subluxated) and affect the function of delicate nerves. I have enough golfers as patients to know that this is fact.

So what can you do about it? Start adding some other forms of exercise that will be beneficial to your spine, like swimming or bicycle riding. And if you really love the game of golf, a spinal examination by a doctor of chiropractic is in order.

Perhaps a problem is developing and it can be corrected. This may save you the crisis of an emergency visit to my office at some future time.

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, May 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic at this meeting will be "post stroke depression," facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, May 26th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Philip Spigarelli, R.Ph., Director of the Pharmacy at Noble Hospital, will speak to the group about "Diabetes and your medication."

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: 1988 Spring Schedule - May 21st and June 4th. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, May 20th and May 27th (two-part course), 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$40.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

Osteoporosis: You are never too young or old to learn more about it! More than 25 million Americans suffer from osteoporosis. Are you at risk?

Join us to find out more about osteoporosis and you — Monday, June 1st, in Noble Hospital's Ground Floor Conference Room A.

Educational displays, nutritional information, and exercise demonstrations will be ongoing and open to the public from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will also be refreshments, door prizes, and a raffle for a free bone density test.

The following lectures will be taking place on this date - "Bone Densitometry" by John Wilinsky, M.D., at 4:30 p.m., and "Osteoporosis and You" by James Wang, M.D., at 6:30 p.m.

Seating for the lectures is limited, and advance registration is required. To register for a lecture, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

More Vegetables And Fruits, Less Meat May Help Prevent Breast Cancer

Women who have a low-fat diet and eat plenty of vegetables and fruits may lessen their risk for breast cancer, according to a new study in the May 1998 issue of *The Journal of The American Dietetic Association (JADA)*.

The study examined the relationship between intake of specific foods — namely meats, vegetables, and fruits — with levels of oxidative DNA damage in women consuming their own usual diet or a diet low in fat. The 21 women participating in the study were healthy, but had an increased risk for breast cancer because they had a close relative with breast cancer.

"Everyone has damaged DNA from which cancer can potentially develop. The question is whether or not a healthier diet can reduce or repair the damaged DNA levels," says Cyndi Thomson, R.D. (registered dietitian), ADA spokesperson and researcher at the University of Arizona's Cancer Center in Tucson. "And, this study shows that eating more vegetables and fruits while eating meals in moderation has a positive effect."

The most significant reductions in DNA damage levels resulted from increased consumption of vegetables. Specifically, women who consumed more vegetables — especially cooked vegetables — had lower DNA damage levels, while those who consumed more beef and pork showed higher DNA damage levels.

Although preliminary, these results reinforce what nutrition experts have been saying all along. Thomson notes the need for more research and says, "Diet is not the be-all, end-all cure for cancer, but it's one step Americans can take against cancer. In this case, eating more vegetables to improve the repair of damaged DNA in our bodies."

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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Tips For Physical Laborers

My good friend, Tim, whom I have known for years, has worked many jobs throughout his life. Most have been manual jobs: landscaping, carpentry, etc. For the past 15 years, he has worked as a stonemason. He has suffered with chronic low back pain for several years.

I was recently thinking of him when I came across a study of construction workers in the *Spine* journal. The data showed that working longer than 10 years as a bricklayer was associated with signs of low back disorder.

No comparable associations were found for house painters, carpenters, or concrete builders. Why bricklayers?

Bricklayers position themselves in the poorest posture for the low back. Usually, they're bent over, twisting their back from side-to-side, carrying a heavy load and repeating this task again and again.

This position creates an incredible amount of strain on the lumbar spine. Ideally, the back should be straight with minimal twisting. But it is difficult to complete tasks that way.

So, what should any physical laborer do?

- A back brace may help support the spine during repetitious load-bearing activities.
- Frequent breaks to stretch the spine may be beneficial.
- Keeping your body weight down to help reduce the amount of compression on the spine.
- Getting involved in an activity that keeps the spine flexible (swimming, walking, hiking, etc.).

There are some careers that are stressful on the spine, masonry being one of them. Tim keeps his spine healthy with regular chiropractic adjustments to stay flexible and maintain proper alignment. If you're suffering with low back pain due to your occupation, please call our office today.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Breast Cancer Support Available At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet May 19th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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Fitness Tips...

Fat Loss, Not Just Weight Loss

by Carmela A. Kirk, R.N.
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For many of us, weight loss is a constant battle. Whether your reasons are health, quality of life, or simple aesthetics, the battle continues. Be careful, a lot of money is wasted on quick fixes or that magic pill we so want to believe in.

Whether it is "doctor recommended," "proven results," or "all natural," be suspicious. It is tempting to believe in the quick fixes or magic potion when the battle is tough.

Let's step back a minute. Is the number on the scale really that important? Your body weight is a combination of many things, including your bones, muscles, organs, blood, and body fluid, muscle, and fat.

Many of our quick fixes help us decrease fluid, muscle, everything except the one thing we really want gone; FAT. Knowing what percentage of your weight is actually fat and how much you need to lose to get to a healthier fat range is much more valuable information.

This gives us a clear picture of what we need to accomplish. Your body can only metabolize two pounds of fat a week. Any more weight loss than this and you've taken something away from your body that you don't want gone. Yes, you can drink this shake and lose pounds in a week, but you've only lost two pounds of fat, one pound of fluid, and two pounds of muscle.

Next month, when you gain five pounds back, you've gained five pounds of fat. Now you're even worse off than you started. This is what is referred to as yo-yo dieting. It can really send people away discouraged and fed up.

Have your body composition analyzed. Fitness First can provide this service. It's simple, painless, and inexpensive. Then plan your goals to include a weight loss of no more than two pounds a week. A healthy diet and regular exercise can do it. Keep in mind, the slower your weight is to come off, the slower it comes back on.

If you are losing only fat, the results are very encouraging. First of all, you are not tired, you have more energy because the same amount of muscle is carrying around less weight. Second, because one pound of fat takes up more room than one pound of muscle, the result of fat loss is inches lost, even if the scale is slow to respond.

Lastly, you want to have your body fat checked again about three months later. You want it to come down to about 18 to 25 for women and 14 to 20 for men. Some body fat is healthy. We need it to live. It is that extra that we carry around for no reason we want to get rid of and rid of for good.

Children From Sandcastle Day Care Raise \$673.60 Via Easter Seal HOP-N-ING

Youngsters from Sandcastle Day Care, Feeding Hills, hopped recently to help people with disabilities expand their independence, raising \$673.60 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent a week learning about disabilities - what causes them how disabilities effect people's everyday lives, the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured donations from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised helped provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and

children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, adaptive swim programs, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

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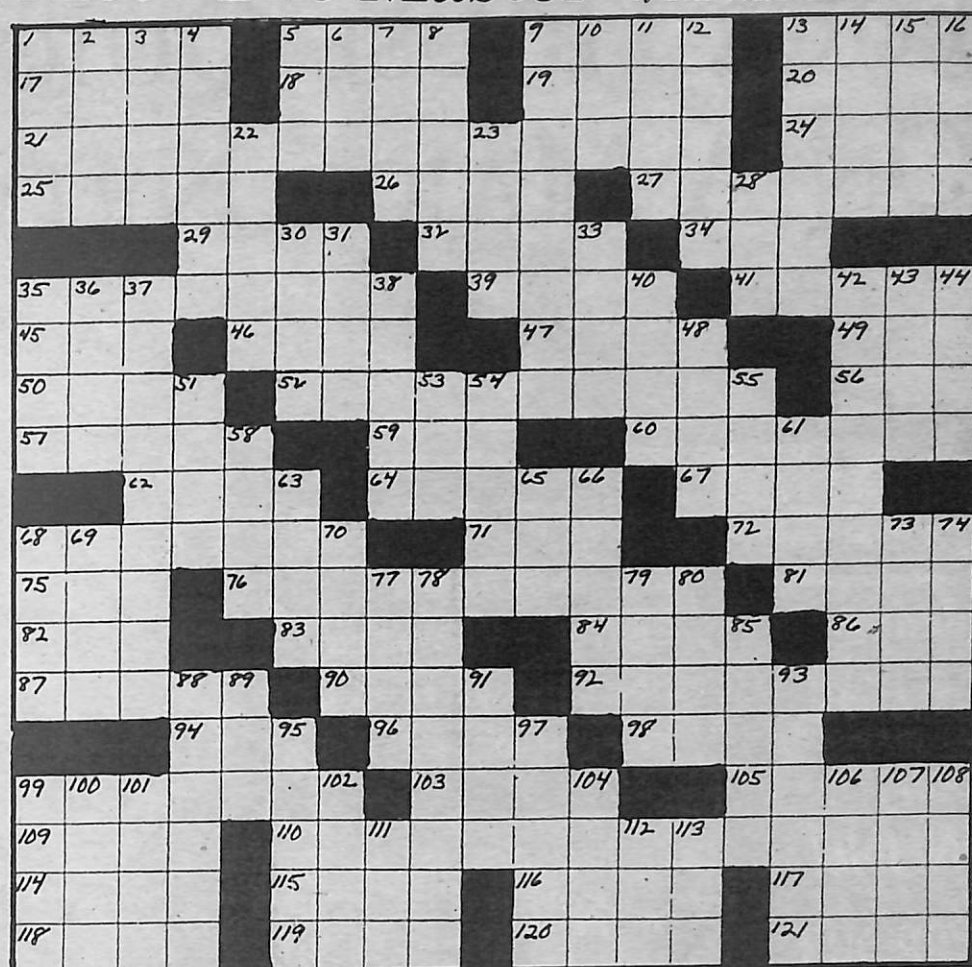
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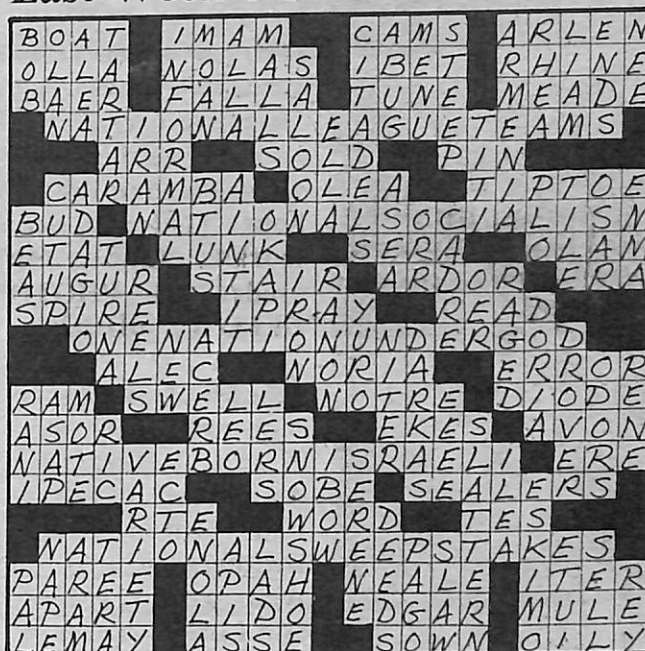
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- 61 River isles
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- 78 How to enter a business deal
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"Power Pak Performers" To Hold Area Fundraisers

Under the direction of Lisa Attannassio, owner/director of Dazzle Studio of Dance (located at 605 Page Boulevard, Springfield, MA), five dance students have been selected for a prestigious national tour. As "Power Pak Performers," these students will travel from Orlando, Florida, to Dallas, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nevada, to experience the thrill of being a professional dancer and more.

The five performers are Ryan Richardson, son of Alan and Laura Richardson of Feeding Hills; Jessica Theriaque, daughter of Raymond and Ann Theriaque of Agawam; Nicole Rheame, daughter of Greg and Joyce Rheame of Agawam; Devon Easley, daughter of Irving and Robynn Easley of South Hadley; and Steven Visneau, son of Bob and Nancy Visneau of Springfield.

To help defray the expense of this trip, these "Power Pak Performers" will be holding a number of upcoming area fundraisers:

Car Washes

* May 23rd, Burger King at Parker Street, Springfield, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* June 20th, Burger King at 1395 Liberty Street, Springfield, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* June 27th, Burger King at 770 Boston Road, Springfield, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Saturday Night Fever Disco Dance"

June 6th, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be purchased by calling Dazzle Studio of Dance (731-7527).

The price is \$12 per person and/or \$20 per couple. There will be a cash bar, and you may bring your own munchies/dips. Dress casual or in the theme of "Saturday Night Fever," as there will be prizes for the best dressed person or couple (in the disco theme) as well as for the best dance performance of that era as well.

Raffle prizes will be given, and each "Power Pak Performer" will entertain you between dances with their talent. A professional D.J., "Jerry Bee," will be our exciting entertainer for the evening. All proceeds will be evenly distributed amongst the performers to take on their tour.

If you know these young people and would like to help them pursue their dreams, come to their car washes and/or dance, or you may send a contribution to the following address:

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Make checks payable to Ann Theriaque or Joyce Rheame.

The "Power Pak Parents" thank you for your time and interest in their children, and hope to see you soon!

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- 111 Greek letter
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The 1998 Edition Of WestFest Has A Variety Of Entertainers For Audiences Of All Ages

The 17th annual WestFest Arts Festival will be held May 16th and May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Stanley Park, Western Avenue, Westfield.

With 135 juried artists, craftsmen, and photographers working in traditional and contemporary styles, daily art demonstrations, two performance stages, and hands-on children's activities, WestFest offers something for everyone.

The festival is held rain or shine, with a food court, picnic area, and ample on-site parking. All events are handicap-accessible.

Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for seniors and students. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

PERFORMING ARTISTS

WestFest 1998 showcases a variety of performing artists on two stages all weekend long while minstrels, magicians, jugglers, and storytellers give impromptu performances as they stroll around the grounds.

This year's featured entertainers include Ninots Folk Theater, scheduled to perform on Saturday, May 16th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the performing arts tent.

Celtic traditional music will be performed in the food tent from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The group Gan Ainm features an assortment of instruments and voice to provide a taste of Ireland, Scotland, and the Canadian Maritimes.

This group of musicians from the Westfield area and beyond will entertain with stand-up bass, piano, hammer dulcimer, fiddle, celtic harp, penny whistle, guitar, and Irish drum (bodhran). The haunting voice of Alice Marsh, who comes to us from New Haven, Connecticut, is the frosting on the cake for this exciting group.

Local favorite Annie Wenz and friends will perform in the performing arts tent on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Richard Berman has performed in various clubs and coffeehouses throughout the Northeast. An award-winning songwriter, Richard displays his talent and musical gifts by writing and performing songs that impart a true understanding of people's lives.

Justina and Joyce give their own unique twist to contemporary folk/acoustic music; they call it "Divafolk." With guitars, lap dulcimer, and their extraordinary voices, Justina and Joyce will surely

ly enchant the WestFest audience.

On Sunday, May 17th, WestFest will showcase Community Arts Day with performances by the Westfield Theater Group at 1:00 p.m. in the performance tent. This year's presentation, "An Actor's Nightmare," is not to be missed.

Westfield High School will showcase our future performing artists in two presentations: scenes from the musical "Grease," and selections performed by the Brass Choir.

Taking to the stage in the Food Tent will be the Berkshire Highlander Bagpipe Band, performing from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Streetsinger Stephen Baird will be the featured performer from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. He has toured 42 states, playing on street corners, at fairs, festivals, concerts, coffeehouses, and over 100 college campuses.

With his six- and 12-string guitars, mandolin, dulcimer, banjo, Autoharp, kazoo, tambourine, powerful voice, and enormous repertoire, Stephen has the ability to attract and hold an audience for hours.

As you can see, the entertainment at WestFest 1998 will definitely offer something for everyone!



Education



SUE GODFREY was the Agawam Junior Women's Club's moderator for the recent Townwide Spelling Bee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spelling Bee Winners Named For Schools

The Agawam Junior Women's Club proudly announces the winners of the 1998 Spelling Bee, which was held at the Agawam Middle School on Friday, May 1st.

The fourth grade first place winner was **Heather Moffat** from Phelps School, Room 17, and the second place winner was **Sierra Close** from Robinson Park School, Room 20.

Fifth grade winners were **Nicholas Demetron** in first place and **Nicholas Cresentini** in second place from the Agawam Middle School, Rooms 207 and 208, respectively.

Sixth grade winners were **Kristen Sopet** in first place and **Sara Dorans** in second place from the Agawam Middle School, Rooms 302 and 315, respectively.

First place winners received a \$100 savings bond and a Webster Dictionary. Second place winners received a \$50 savings bond and the game of Scrabble.

Sue Godfrey acted as both chairperson and moderator of this annual event. We would like to thank Mr. Paul Sutton for doing a wonderful job as pronouncer for the evening. We would also like to thank the following people for serving as judges at the 1998 Spelling Bee: Mrs. Linda Galarneau, member of the Agawam School Committee; Ms. Wendy McAnanama, Librarian at the Agawam Public Library; and Ms. Jeanne Hofmann, Children's Librarian.

We also wish to thank the following for their generous donations of savings bonds: Westbank, Woronoco Savings Bank, Westfield Savings Bank, and BankBoston. The dictionaries were donated by School Specialties of Agawam.

Without continuous support from the schools, the parents, the club members, and the community, educational projects such as this would not be possible.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



IN TOP PHOTO, winners of the recent Townwide Spelling Bee included, from left - Heather Moffat (1st) and Sierra Close (2nd), 4th grade; Nick Demetron (1st) and Nick Cresentini (2nd), 5th grade; and Kristen Sopet (1st) and Sara Dorans (2nd), 6th grade. **IN PHOTO BELOW,** officiating at the event were Wendy McAnanama, Agawam Library; Jeanne Hoffman, Agawam Library; Paul Sutton, TV-40 weatherman and an Agawam resident; and Linda Galarneau, School Committee member. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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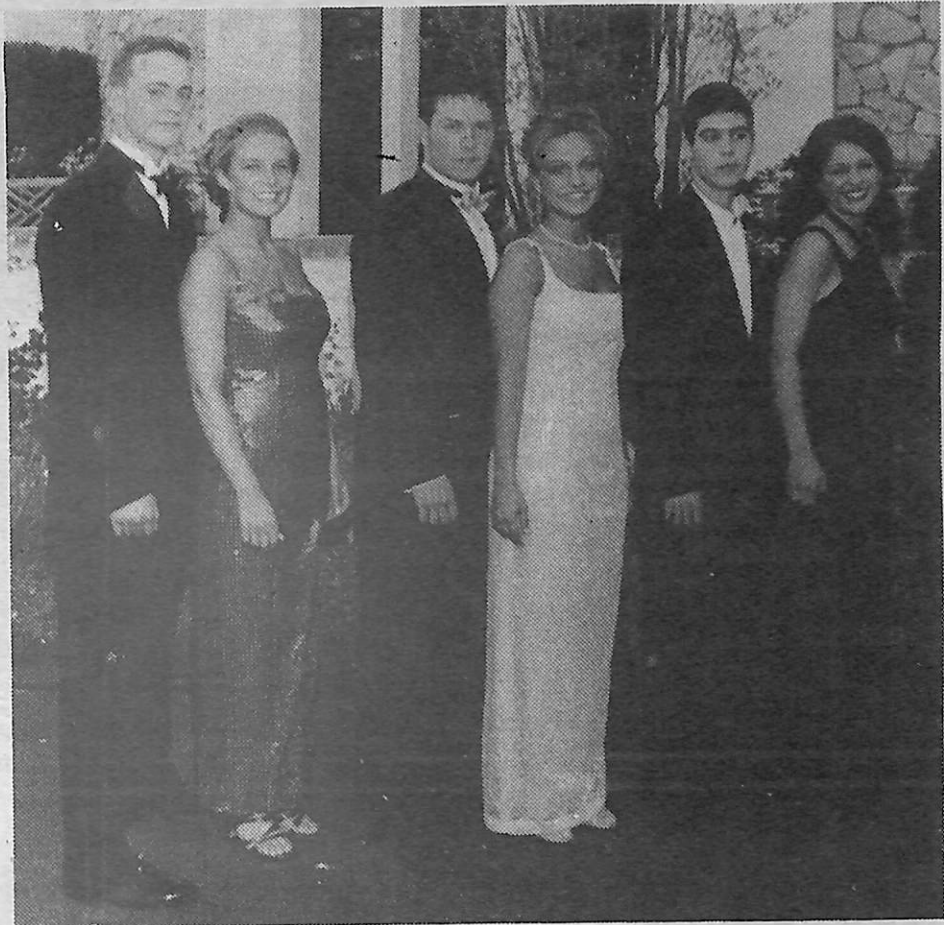
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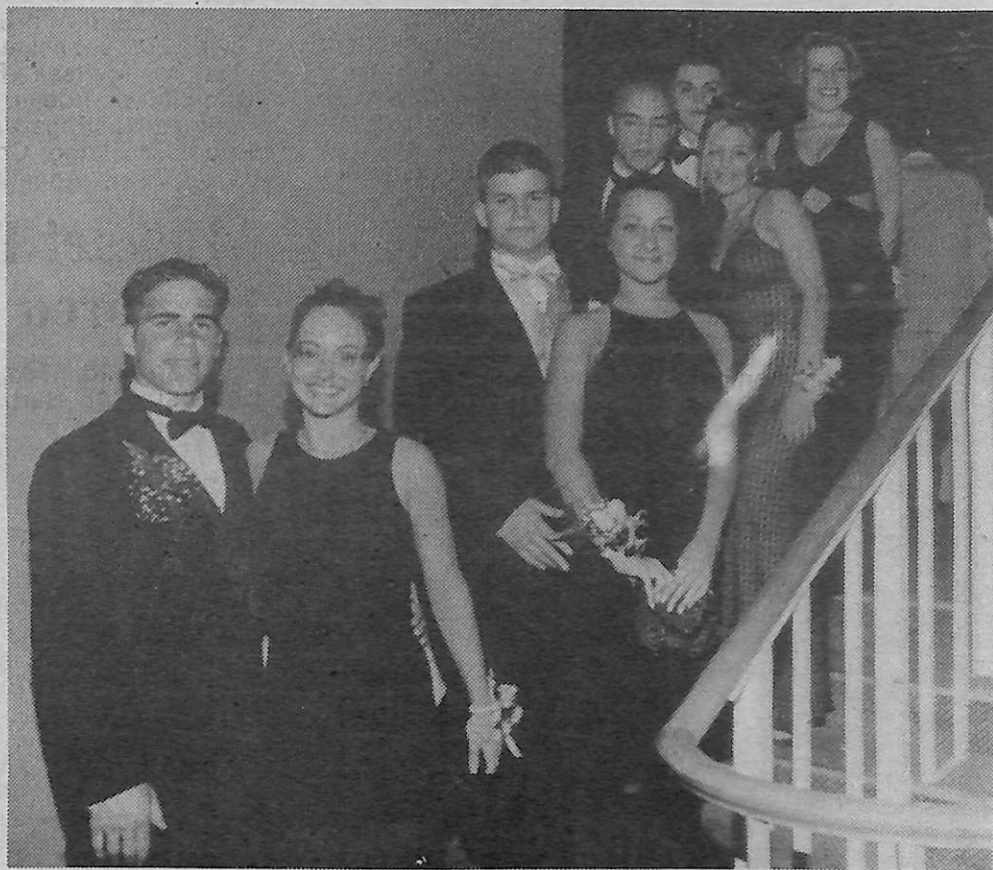
Joseph Douglas, Jennifer Fleming, Shane Battles, Stefanie Domaingue, Chris Santaniello, and Sara Vincent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



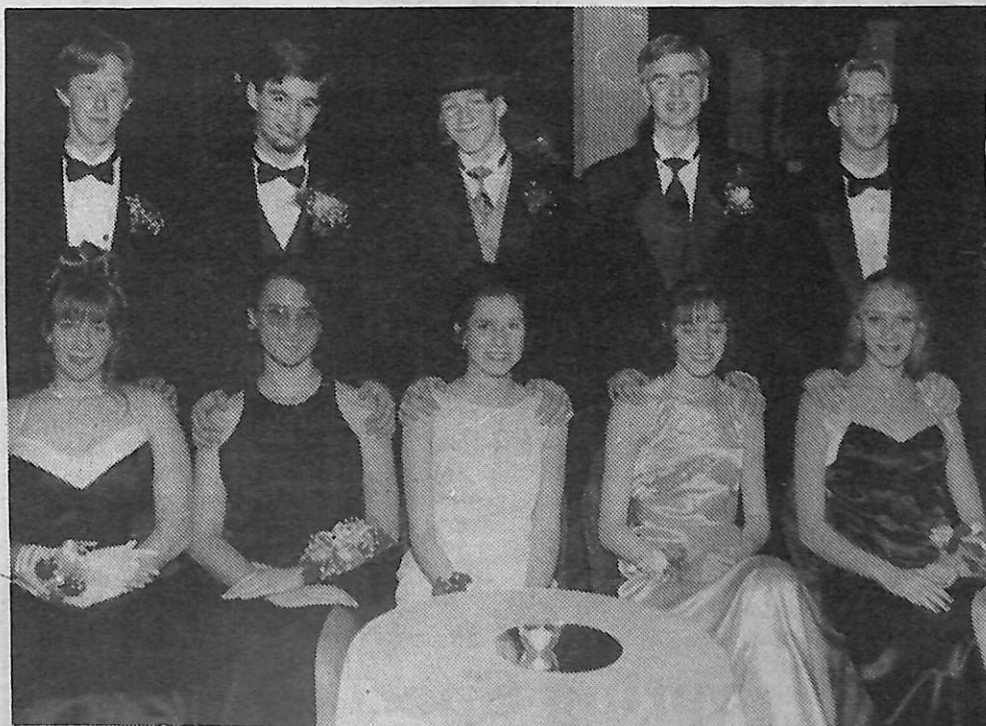
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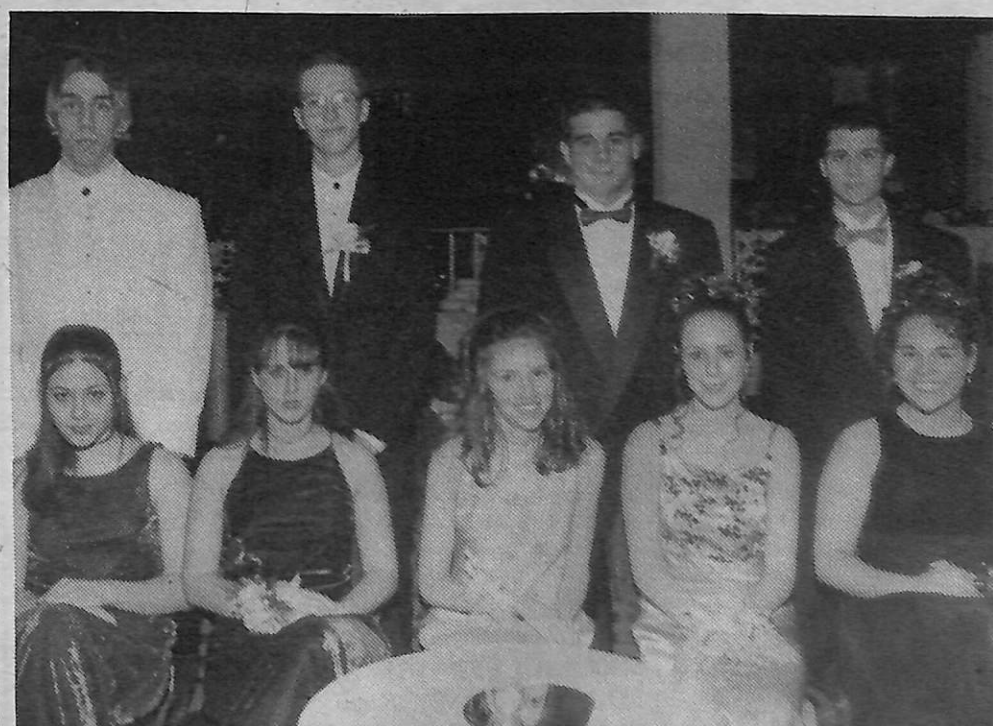
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Kevin McKay, Sarah Mitchell, Vincent Curto, Cassie Andre, Matt Thouin, Tina Tirone, Nick Montessi, and Michelle Heim. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Standing: Tom Chesnes, Jon Bernard, Matt Norris, Charlie Denison, and Mike Brinn. Seated: Danielle Bourdeau, Kelly Shaw, Melissa Saranitzky, Christina Januska, and Michelle Padla. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Standing: Chris Ellsworth, Tim Veighey, Matt Slattery, and Joe Monska. Seated: Michelle Blanchard, Davida Flynn, Melissa Rodriguez, Colleen Fenton, and Erin Ottomaniello. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior High School PTO News

Agawam Junior High School President Patrick Decoteau convened the April meeting at 7:35 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved. It was noted that the school store had returned its start-up money from the profits. A question was raised in regards to the school store profits. According to Mr. Costanzi, all profits from here on will be reinvested into the school store. The store was such a success that it will be continued next year.

Motions were made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve funding the following requests:

- A request for the Non-User's Club to be used for end-of-the-year activities and prizes;
- A request from the Social Studies Department to sponsor Guy Morin's program of the American Civil War soldier;
- A request from the English Department to sponsor Vincent Dowling's presentation for seventh and eighth grade classes;
- A request to pick up the cost of 23 teachers who will be honored for 25 years-plus service at a dinner being held at Chez Josef;
- A request from the Mathematics Department for the costs of *geometric kites* to be used as an end-of-the-year project for students;
- A request from the Librarian for news bank software to be used in the library;
- A second request from the Mathematics Department to purchase a die cutter and supplies that may be used by all staff at the junior high; and,
- A request for mall gift certificates to be presented to the office secretaries during Staff Appreciation Week.

Sue Hamlett reported that she had met with the Middle School PTO and had received the names of several people interested in positions at the Junior High PTO for next year. PTO members were soliciting names also at both the seventh and eighth grade parent information nights regarding the upcoming student testing.

Election of officers, as well as school council representatives, will take place at the May meeting of the PTO.

Leslie Young gave an update of the fundraiser for next year. The members voted to continue with the current company. She also indicated that she was willing to serve as chair of the fundraiser for next year.

Bob Raina has been booked as DJ for the upcoming *Eighth Grade Celebration* to be held Friday, June 12th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Junior High School cafeteria. Parents are asked to remember that this event is *not a semi-formal* ... but an *end-of-the-year celebration*. No limos! No gowns! No tuxedos!

Students are asked to *dress appropriately*. Tickets will cost \$1 and go on sale two weeks prior to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. Only eighth grade students may attend.

It was agreed that Teacher Appreciation Week be changed to **Staff Appreciation Week** so that all staff at the Junior High could participate. In addition to the traditional breakfast sponsored by the PTO, it was agreed that this year, five staff names be drawn at random for gift certificates to local restaurants or a four-pack of movie passes.

Mr. Costanzi agreed to coordinate the raffle and Patrick Decoteau, Sue Hamlett, and Linda Montagna will be responsible for the breakfast set up to be held Tuesday, May 4th in the teacher's cafeteria.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to continue the **Teacher Wish List** for the remaining 1997-98 PTO monies. It was agreed to leave \$1,000 for startup funds in the fall and \$1,000 being set aside for the 8th Grade Celebration. Mr. Littlefield has agreed to distribute a wish list form to the teachers at the next faculty meeting. These forms will be reviewed at the next PTO monthly meeting of which approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 will be distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for **May 18th, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**. All parents/teachers are cordially invited to attend. The three main topics to be discussed include (a) wish list requests; (b) 8th Grade Celebration Budget; (c) Election of 1998-99 officers and school council representatives.

Our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open at 6:30 a.m.

AHS Students Attend Environmental Seminar "Earth Connection"

Teams of high school age young people from 36 communities across Massachusetts converged on the UMass Amherst campus for the two-day "Earth Connection '98" in late February. The event, billed as an "action conference" on community service and the environment, drew 170 young people and 45 advisors.

Representing Agawam High School were Danielle Bourdeau, Liz Coelho, Scott Fleming, Jessica Nelson, and Rebecca Rising of S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment) and their team contact, Pat Bertone-Gross.

The conference, co-sponsored for the third year by UMass Extension and International Paper, offered a mix of activities intended to build skills and knowledge the teams could use in their own community environmental projects.

Adults and youth alike took part in hands-on workshops on a variety of current topics such as "Pesticides in Your Watershed," "Heritage Tree Contests," and "How to Organize a Big River Cleanup."

Participants learned skills ranging from creating maps using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, to video-making and creating web pages, to "How to Get Into the Newspaper in Three Not-So-Easy Steps."

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On Friday, April 17th, S.A.V.E. sponsored an "Earth Day Fair" in the AHS lobby.

The presenters featured members of the community who spoke about a variety of topics, including Carol Grady on environmental careers; Daniel Smola on STCC's environmental program; Steve Martin on the Agawam Fire Department's Haz Mat; and Ann Golden on Mass. Save Inc.

The student helpers at the fair included Heather Adams, Melissa Boissonneault, Kim Bosini, Danielle Bourdeau, Scott Fleming, Erin Hanley, Melissa Hastings, Jason McKay, Katy McDougal, Rebecca Rising, Crystal Rivers, Brian Rondeau, Jessica Roy, Angelina Roy, and Shawn Sherry.

Michael Domaingue Honored At UHartford

On April 18, 1998, a reception was held at the University of Hartford honoring distinguished students.

Among those students honored was Michael Domaingue of Agawam. Michael was named to the President's Honor List of top achievers for the fall semester of 1997.

To be named to this list, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. Michael earned a grade point average of 3.83 for the fall semester. He was among 37 graduate and undergraduate students to be honored from the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford.

Since enrolling at the University of Hartford in the fall of 1996, Michael has attained Dean's List Honors each semester.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 18th: Steamed frankfort in roll, seasoned green beans, potato rounds with catsup, chilled diced pears, milk.

Tuesday, May 19th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled peaches in syrup or jello with topping, milk. (NOTE: At the Junior High, rib dippers will be served.)

Wednesday, May 20th: Roasted turkey with whipped potatoes and gravy, seasoned peas and carrots, dinner roll with butter, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday, May 21st: Meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni and broccoli, Italian bread and butter, cherry crisp or jello with topping, milk.

Friday, May 22nd: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, seasoned corn niblets, rosy applesauce, bread and butter, chocolate brownie, milk.

Local Students Graduate From Porter And Chester Institute

Congratulations to **Albert Ricco** (Computer Electronics) of Agawam, and **Edward Pigeon** (Computer Electronics), **Scott Slater** (Computer Electronics), **Karey Shameklis** (Medical Assisting), and **Sarah Hufland** (Architectural Engineering) of Feeding Hills, on their recent graduation from Porter and Chester Institute in Chicopee.

The graduation of 99 students took place at The Oaks in Agawam with 450 friends and family members in attendance.

Like many Porter and Chester graduates who secure professional positions prior to graduation, Albert Ricco is currently employed at Inserv Corp., and Sarah Hufland is with HFP Sprinkler. Good luck to the new graduates!

Porter and Chester Institute was founded in 1946. The institute offers six schools of study, including Office Technology Division, Architectural and Engineering Technology, Automotive Technology, Electronics and Computer Division, HVACR (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration) Division, and Medical Assisting.

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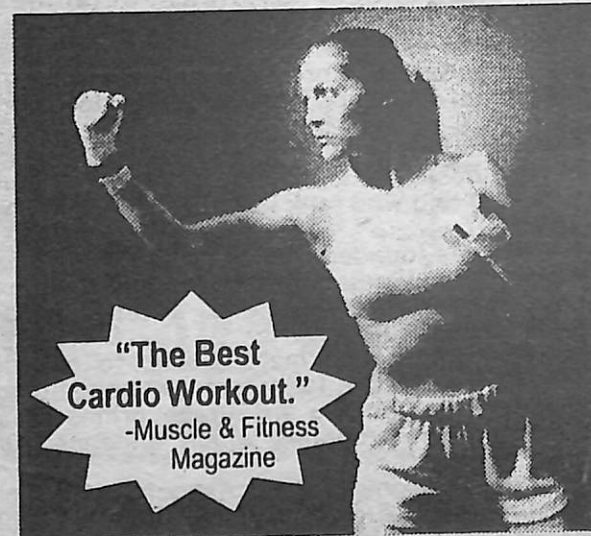
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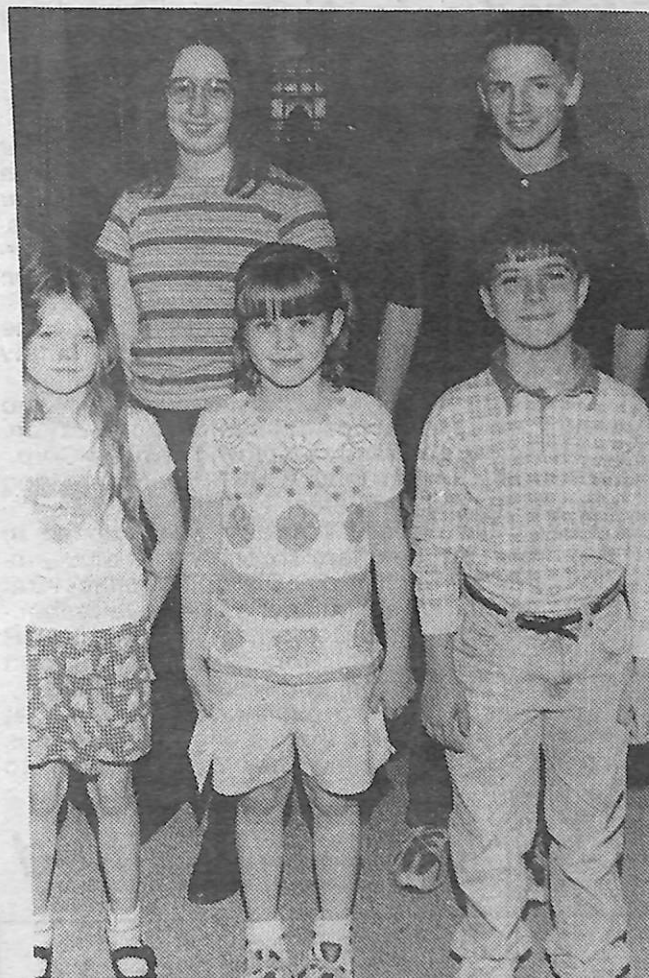


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IN TOP PHOTO, AHS Nurse Catherine Hallaman checks the blood pressure of student Andy Mutti at the recent health fair; IN PHOTO BELOW, pictured are some of the students who attended the health fair. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Cynthia Fontanilles Inducted Into AIC Honor Society

Agawam resident Cynthia Fontanilles, daughter of Virginia & Robert Fontanilles, was among students inducted into Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors, during a formal induction ceremony, Sunday, April 26th in the college's Bradley Room.

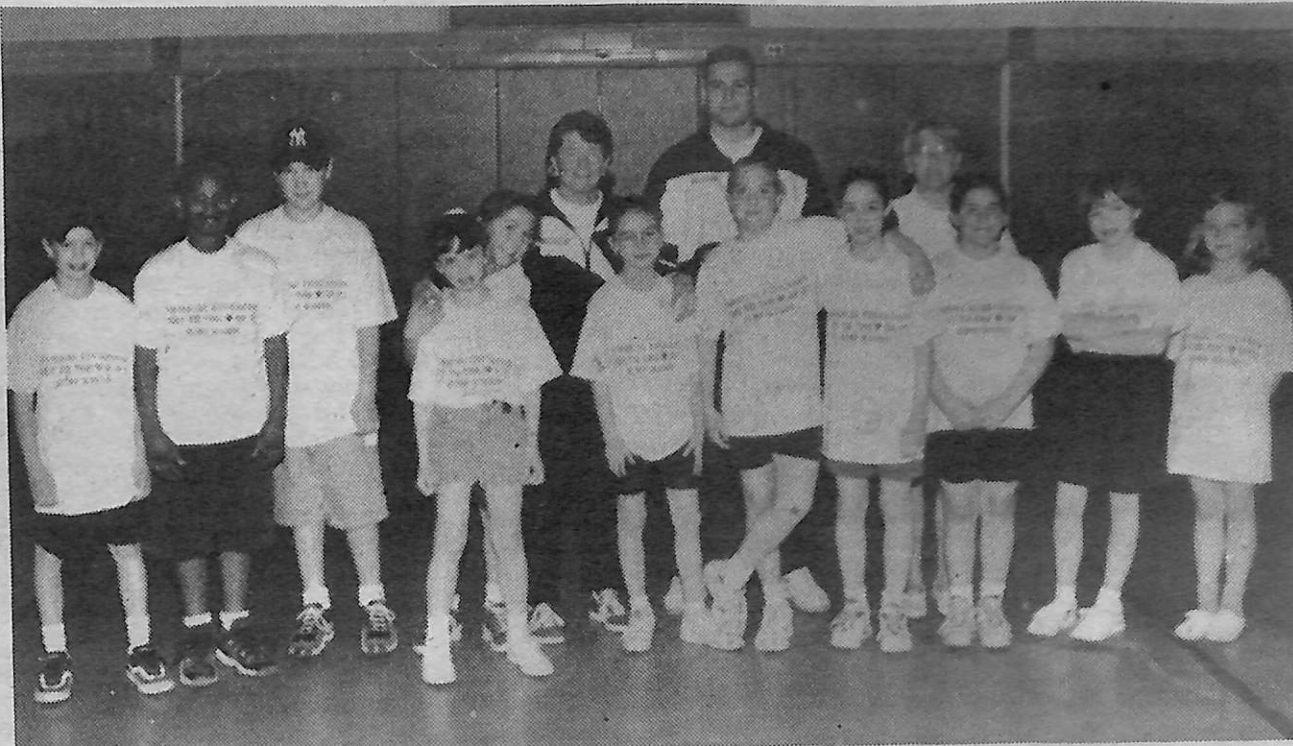
Membership in Psi Chi is limited to students who demonstrate a superior scholarship in psychology and who rank in the top third of their class.

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology.

Psi Chi serves two major goals: to provide academic recognition for superior scholastic accomplishments, and to encourage professional growth through programs which enhance curricular offerings.

Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society.

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AGAWAM FACULTY MEMBERS and students worked hard to make the recent Health Fair at Agawam High School a success. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Hundreds Pack Health Fair Held At Agawam High School

Hundreds of Agawam residents packed the cafeteria and four gyms at Agawam High School on Thursday evening, April 16th, to learn how to "Stay Safe And Be Healthy."

Over 30 organizations staffed booths that provided information and demonstrations on a variety of health issues, including cancerous lungs; smoking; alcohol and drug abuse; child safety; first aid; poison control; bike, car, and road safety; medical insurance; blood pressure; nutrition; counseling; dental health; and handicap awareness.

Bike helmets and car seats were raffled off to lucky winners with the help of the high school Peer Leaders. For those who were hungry, "Vince" and "Larry" (The Crash Dummies) distributed snacks, and the school lunch program provided samples of chicken fajita salad.

Winners of "The Staying Safe, Being Healthy" essay contest were presented with prizes of \$25. The winners included Katey Garrett (Phelps), Kaitlin Hurley (Clark), Brianna St. Peter (Granger),

Daniel Goncalves (Robinson Park), Noelle Serafino (Middle School), Andrew Wynn and Kim Landry (Junior High School), and Irene Brown and Michael Basile (High School).

The four gyms saw student demonstrations, including Clark and Phelps pupils, using "jump bands" aimed at increasing physical endurance and stamina.

Middle School students demonstrated how to use a monitoring device to measure heart rate during exercise.

In another gym, high school students played "pickle ball," a new addition to the physical education curriculum. And, in the last gym, Agawam police officers warned parents about the signs and symptoms of drug abuse.

The free, two-hour health fair was organized by Kathleen McSweeney, Director of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education; Kathleen Doody, Academic Coordinator of Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences; and Catherine Gomes, Elementary Health Specialist.

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Sports

Softball & Girls' Lacrosse At The Cape...

AHS Lacrosse & Softball Play At Soggy Cape Cod

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

What was supposed to be a great weekend of competition on Cape Cod turned very soggy for the Agawam High girls' softball and lacrosse teams. The softball team was scheduled to play at the Friendship Invitational Softball Tournament in Orleans. They got there among the raindrops and went with the flow. And if you were in New England over the weekend, you know it flowed all over the place.

On Friday evening, they participated in a competition which featured bunting, throwing from the outfield, base-running, catching, and a homerun derby. Amy Mastroianni showed well in the bunting department. Steph Fleming did well in the throwing segment. Dianna DiStefano stood out in catching, according to Coach Deb Lickley.

The Brownies' Kristen Patterson won the baserunning battle. "There were eight kids up against her. It was the best time from home, around the diamond, and back home again. She did it in 12.32 seconds," Lickley smiled.

On Saturday, they played State Division II runner-up Wilmington and beat them, 3-2. Ali Jackobek pitched, giving up five hits, added eight strikeouts, and walked four. Patterson had a triple and two RBI. Fleming had a triple as well. Amber Conte contributed a double. Freshman Jill Gendron had a single.

While the four hits weren't what the coach would have liked in terms of numbers, she was pleased with when they came about. "The hits were timely. That made me feel good," Lickley noted. The coach also noted that their defense was superb. Credit was given to the four captains — Patterson, Conte, Fleming, and Mastroianni. "They all stepped up. It's something they've done all year."

When it was obvious they weren't going to play State Division II champion Amesbury on Sunday, they packed up and spent the day in Provincetown. "We shopped, went out to eat, and saw the sights. Despite the rain, we all had a good time," Lickley said.

GIRLS' LACROSSE:

The girls' lacrosse team was also rained upon. They got in their game against Barnstable on Saturday morning and won, 16-9, raising their record to 9-1.

"They are a tough team. We've only given up more than nine goals once all year long, in our 15-6 loss to Minnechaug. And we are a much better team now than we were then," Coach Cindy Grieve observed.

The girls took the ferry over to Martha's Vineyard early Sunday morning, where they were supposed to play Martha's Vineyard High School. It didn't happen, but they had a great time.

"It was funny going over," Grieve said of the half-hour trip from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven. "All the girls went to the upper deck in the rain and wind. They were dressed in their bright orange slickers. Some people might have thought they were a bunch of prisoners out for an excursion," Grieve laughed.

They stayed most of the day in this pristine and interesting island town. "It was quality time for all of us. We bonded and that was important because we have tough games coming up that are going to require everything we have," Grieve said.

The bottom line, according to Grieve, was this: "We traveled to a different place and showed well. We are grateful Barnstable played us in the pouring rain. We are also happy so many parents went with us as well."

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL vs SPRINGFIELD SABERS:

While their sisters were at the Cape, Coach Al O'Quinn brought his freshman softball team up against the Springfield Sabers. The unbeaten young Brownies had no trouble with the charter school team, winning 23-7, thus raising their record to 9-0.

The coach gave credit to Jen Gensheimer, Laura Bucalo, and Jen Bishop.

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Schoolboy Baseball Action...

Brownies Boost Record To 12-2 With Victory Over Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, the Agawam High boys' baseball team saw its record expand to 12-2 and 2-0 in the Valley League with a 5-3 victory over visiting Chicopee Comp.

It was also the first time in three games they allowed the opposition any runs at all. Kevin Mattson got the start and really wasn't in any trouble the entire game, though Bryan O'Quinn came in with one out in the seventh to mop up.

Comp got an unearned run in the first inning on an Agawam error. The Brownies were quick to make amends, however. Brady Martin reached on an error. Mike Wing, with his wide receiver speed, legged out an infield single, sending Martin to third. Wing then stole second and Martin came home.

With two outs, O'Quinn drove a double down the third base line. He stole third and came home on an overthrow. After two, Agawam led 3-1.

Mattson cruised in the top of the second, striking out two Colts and benefiting from a nice over-the-shoulder catch by second baseman Jay Hanscom.

Agawam got another run in the bottom of the inning. Andy St. Jean hit a ball to short. The Colt shortstop couldn't make the throw in time and St. Jean, always hustling, had a leg-job single. Hanscom sacrificed him to second. Martin stalked to the plate and rapped a ball to third, where it was butchered for one of the five errors Comp would make on the day. Wing then hit into a 6-3 ground out, but it was enough to score St. Jean from third.

Comp went down quietly in the third. Agawam, still chipping away, got another run in the bottom half of the third. O'Quinn led off with a single.

Third baseman Kevin Cornwell then hit one to short, where it was mishandled. O'Quinn, ever alert, went for third on the play and came home when the throw from short sailed past the hot corner. After three, the Brownies were up, 5-1.

Comp got a run in the fourth. Agawam's scoring was done for the afternoon. Mattson punched out the leadoff Colt in the top of the seventh, then walked the next two hitters.

Coach Pete Clark was quick with the hook. O'Quinn got the call. He got the first hitter he faced to fly out to left. The next Comp hitter singled home a run, which was charged to Mattson. Ryan reared back with two outs and men on first and second. A high fly to center ended things.

Comp fell to 7-4 and 0-1 in Valley League play. **BROWNIE STATS:** Martin — 0-4, 1 rs; Wing — 1-3, 1 rbi; Kimball — 0-2; Progulske — 0-3, 1 rs, 1 rbi; O'Quinn — 2-3 (double), 1 rbi, 2 rs; Cornwell — 1-2 (double); A. St. Jean — 1-2, 1 rs; Hanscom — 0-2.

PITCHING: Mattson (2-1) — 6 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 6 K, 7 W, 2.21 ERA; O'Quinn (s) — 2 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 K, 0 W, 0.00 ERA.

BROWNIE NOTE: Because of Monday's rain, the Agawam/Central game at Blunt Park was postponed. It was to be an important contest because it would have pitted Golden Eagle ace Pat Strange against Agawam ace Brian St. Jean.

AGAWAM JV BASEBALL
The Brownie JV's lost to Comp, 8-6. Coach Chris Chechile singled out Ryan Drobot, plus pitchers Derek Mercadante and Joe DiVirgilio, as having a good game despite the loss.

The JV's record now stands at 7-5.

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West Side Laxmen Sink Brownies With Strong Start

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was a battle of two fledgling programs (two seasons each) when Agawam High met West Side High last Thursday afternoon at the Terriers' home field. On what might have seemed like the last sunny day we were ever to seek, West Springfield prevailed, 11-3. The issue was never in doubt. From the get-go, West Side (3-2) was just too strong and fast for the Brownies, who saw their record go to 4-4.

A brace of Terriers did the most damage. Senior midfielder Tim Harvey had five goals, while Nate Maurer, a defenseman, chipped in with three. The fact that Maurer had three scores showed how deep the Terriers could penetrate the Agawam zone and how accurate their shots were.

Harvey scored with three minutes gone, then got another a minute later. Maurer, giving Agawam fits when he was on defense, got two, including one with three seconds left in the half. That score, when the Brownies were striving hard to tighten up their defense behind two sophomores, Dave Moore and Matt Sharpe, seemed to take the win out of Agawam's sails. It was obvious that this was not Agawam's day.

Great Save On Point Blank Shot

Two minutes into the second half, Agawam goalie Greg Jubinville made a great save on a point blank shot off the stick of West Side's Brian Douthright. That might have brought a spark to the Brownies' efforts. But another Terrier score two minutes later stopped whatever momentum Agawam had built up. Another West Side score saw Agawam Coach Nick St. George call a timeout so he could read his kids the riot act.

It didn't help. Maurer got his third goal of the game and his team went up 6-0. Agawam was down 7-0 going into the fourth quarter. Finally, with three minutes gone, Agawam got on the board when sophomore midfielder Matt Pourier beat Terrier keeper Mike Liebro low left from 15 feet out. Ryan Grealis got the assist.

Dave Moore was the second Brownie to score, on an unassisted drive from 20 feet in front of the West Side net. It seemed Agawam had some momentum for them now. Junior defenseman Dan Balbony got Agawam's third score at the 10:12 mark to make it 7-3 and suddenly it seemed like the Brownies were about to make things interesting.

But West Springfield answered with fourth period scores and shut Agawam down the rest of the way.

Youth Football To Hold Sign-Ups For 1998 Fall Season

Agawam Youth Football will be holding sign-ups on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria.

Sign-ups will be taken for Jr. Division (grades 4, 5, and 6) and Sr. Division (grades 7 & 8).

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Amber Conte Putting Finishing Touches On Excellent Athletic Career At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the best athletes to come out of Agawam High School's Class of 1998 is Amber Conte. Recently, the three-sport star took some time out to talk to us about her days at AHS.

Amber turned 18 on April 1st. She has spent her entire academic and athletic career at the school. As her days wind down, she is taking Advanced Placement English, honors physics, fifth year honors Spanish, and advanced math. She is also the editor of the school's yearbook.

She has accumulated a bunch of academic awards. They include the National Honor Society Renaissance Club, reserved for students with all A's and B's; the Daughters of the American Revolution have chosen her for their "Good Citizenship Award."

"The teachers nominated me for that. My fellow students chose me," she said. Amber is also a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. Her favorite courses are physics and Spanish. Arthur Gage (physics) and Mary Ellen Bruce (Spanish) are her top teachers.

Amber will attend Suffolk University in Boston when the fall rolls around. They've offered her a basketball scholarship. "I hope while I'm there I can play softball. I think I'm better in that sport," she admitted. (Currently she has only one error and is batting .300 for the 1998 season and was first team All Western Mass. as a third baseman.)

According to Amber, Suffolk will probably use her at the two guard. With her defensive ability and dead-eye accuracy from three-point land, it could be a perfect match.

Three-Sport Star

She participated in three sports. While starring in basketball and softball, Amber notes that she was more of a role player in soccer. "I really loved playing for Coach (Mary) Murray," she said of the Brownie girls' varsity soccer coach.

Even though she feels she might be better in softball, basketball is dear to her heart. "The game has always intrigued me. It's such an adrenaline rush because it's so immediate. Everything happens so fast."

She has two memorable AHS sports moments. "My sophomore year in softball, we won our second Western Mass. title, and beating Minnechaug at our place in our last regular season game this past winter was the other," Amber noted.

Her favorite food is her grandmother's ravioli. Green is her favorite color.

She likes expensive transportation. "I would like to own a Saab Convertible," she said.

Her top athlete is probably someone most of us know little about; Chamique Holdsclaw, out of Christ the King High School in New York City and a star on the University of Tennessee's women's basketball team. Another favorite, though not a player, is Pat Summitt, the women's coach at the University of Tennessee. "I was lucky enough to have lunch with her at Smith College," she noted.

When she hangs out, it is usually with classmate Kristen Patterson. "Kristen and I are best friends," she said.



AMBER CONTE

Besides cars, Amber also has expensive taste in clothes; Abercrombie and Fitch as well as Banana Republic, both at the Holyoke Mall, where she likes to shop.

She says she likes any kind of music.

"ER" is her favorite TV show.

"Pretty Woman" is her favorite flick.

Her dad's name is Lou (the Agawam girls' basketball coach and assistant principal at the Middle School). Her mom's name is Deborah. She has a sister, Keeley, who is nine. She also boasts fraternal twin siblings - Caitlyn and Louis. They are 14 years-old and both are athletes at AHS as well.

Amber looks up to her grandparents, Rita and Joe. She also says playing basketball for her father the past three seasons was a great honor.

When her days at AHS come to an end, she would like to be remembered this way: "I would want to be well-respected as a student and good sportsperson."

Varsity softball Coach Deb Lickley had this to say about her third baseman, "Amber is a perfect kid for our program. She is thoughtful and caring. I'm honored to coach her and even more honored to know her."

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Long. Lacrosse Proves Too Much For AHS Boys

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For a few brief moments Tuesday afternoon, the Agawam High boys' lacrosse team was able to match-up with visiting Longmeadow.

With 40 seconds gone in the game, Ryan Grealis took a pass from Dan Balbony and put the ball past Lancer keeper Phil Hallahan for a 1-0 Brownie lead. It was a heady moment indeed, leading the defending Western Mass. and State Champions. That moment lasted all of a minute. With 1:40 gone, Longmeadow scored and kept on scoring on its way to a 15-1 victory.

The Brownies played hard, especially early on, led by junior Glenn Corbett and sophomore Eric Pederson. But the Lancers' attackers were much too strong and experienced to be denied, scoring again at six minutes into the first quarter.

Agawam Mounts Attack

At the seven minute mark, Agawam mounted an attack that featured some good passing by Corlett, Grealis, and Balbony. The Longmeadow defense was up to the rush. They mounted a counterattack that saw them get the ball to their offense and it translated into another score. Longmeadow would end the first period leading 4-1.

There was 1:23 gone in the second period when the Lancers scored their fifth goal of the game. It came after the shot just before it hit the Brownie crossbar and rebounded back to the stick of a Longmeadow shooter. Agawam's defense, led at this time by Balbony, sophomore Kevin Grealis, and Pederson, was still making an effort.

The Lancers, known for their passing, struck again at the 4:17 mark. Their seventh goal came a minute later as they worked behind the Agawam net, looking for the open shooter.

Brownie sophomore Dave Moore attacked the Lancer net with 5:30 left in the half. But the Lancers, as they'd been doing throughout the game, notched up their offense off a Brownie threat and scored again to make it 8-1.

Agawam's best chance of the half came with just over a minute left. Corlett, Moore, Balbony, and sophomore Brian Gilhooly swarmed around the Lancers' net. The Longmeadow defenders, behind some good saves by Hallahan, were up to the threat. The half ended 8-1, Longmeadow. Agawam managed only six shots on the Lancers' net. Longmeadow fired off 17.

Brownie Defense Struggles

The Lancers, utilizing backside screens, scored four more goals in the third period as the Brownie defense struggled and against relentless pressure.

The fourth period saw them score three more goals to close things out. The Brownies continued to work hard, but Longmeadow had so much experience that there wasn't much Agawam could do except hold as much ground as possible. Brownie Coach Nick St. George gave Longmeadow its due. "They are a class organization. We did the best we could, but it takes time to even come close to their level."

Agawam goalie Greg Jubinville ended up facing 31 total shots. Agawam managed 16 shots on the Lancers' net. The Brownies go to 4-5. Longmeadow, which plays many powerful teams outside this area, goes to 4-6.

Kamp For Kids™ Golf Tournament Slated For May 27th

The 22nd Annual Kamp For Kids™ Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

The format is Five-Person Scramble, and shotgun starts are at 7:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Singles and pairs are welcome.

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Brownies Boys' Track Face Long Afternoon Over Powerful Minnechaug Squad

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High boys' track Coach Bill Dillon had been looking forward to his team's meet against Valley League champion and Western Mass. Division I runner-up, Minnechaug Regional.

"We know how powerful they are," he commented earlier in the week. They fell to the Falcons, 107-38, on a windy Tuesday afternoon over in Wilbraham.

While the Brownies didn't see many first-place finishes, there were some fine performances turned in nonetheless. Junior Pete Bitzas was tops in the high jump at 5'8" and first in the triple jump at 42' 1 3/4". In the triple, he beat one of the best around, Greg Fontaine, who had a string of 25 straight victories going in that event.

There were other highlights for the Brownies. Junior Jay Flood finished third in the long jump with a leap of 19' 5 3/4". He was also third in the triple jump at 37' 2 3/4". That performance qualified him for the individual meet. Also qualifying for the individuals was senior Kevin Hill, who was third in the javelin at 133'. Dan Hendrix, a senior, placed third in the pole vault at 9'6". He needs to reach 10'6" to qualify for the Western Mass. Tournament.

Senior All-Western Mass. standout Ian Lane was first in the high hurdles at 15.8. Junior Josh Sprague was third in that event with a time of 19 seconds. Agawam was shutout in the 100 meters,

but Edwin Torres, just a sophomore, finished fourth with a time of 11.9 seconds, qualifying him for the individuals.

The team of Lane, Bitzas, senior Brad Tilden, and Torres won the 4x100 with a 47.1 effort. Junior Rich Rodriguez took second in the 400 meters with a time of 55.1. His teammate, sophomore Barry Ward, was third at 55.7.

Junior Jason Gagne grabbed a third place spot in the 300 hurdles, turning in a time of 45.9. It was his best effort ever and qualified him for the individuals. Junior Dave Thomas was second in the 800 meters at 209.9. It qualified him for the individuals and was only a second away from getting him into the Western Mass. meet.

Tilden was fourth in the 200 meters. Despite his position, his time of 24.2 got him into the Western Mass. Tournament. "That's what good competition will do. Brad was even running into the wind and he still did well," Dillon said.

Agawam came in second in the 4x400 as freshman Tim Chretien, junior Tom Shibley, Gagne, and junior Mike O'Connor finished with a 3:59.9.

"We had kids qualify for the individuals and Western Mass. because of this meet. We should be in good shape for the upcoming tournaments," Dillon noted. The Brownies are currently 2-3 on the season. Minnechaug rose to 7-0.

AHS Girls' Tennis Pick-Up Sweep Over Springfield Central, 5-0

In recent schoolgirl tennis action, Agawam proved its "net" worth by trouncing Springfield Central, 5-0.

In first singles, **Maureen Dimock** soundly defeated Deirdra Jogal, 6-0, 6-1.

"Maureen showed patience and steady play as she controlled this match from the beginning. Maureen used control to move Deirdra side to side and up and back," stated Agawam Coach Mary Wolochowicz.

Kaitlin White faced Central's Elissa Kluik in second singles and came away with a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

According to Wolochowicz, "Kaitlin was slowed down for a while as Elissa used a lob very effectively. Kaitlin finally realized that she had to play her game of deep, hard shots to win the points."

After being sidelined with a sore wrist, **Janice Balicki** came back to the third singles position and was anxious to win. She held on to do just that, defeating Georgia Clarke by 6-4, 6-1.

"Again, it was a battle of the backboards, with

Janice having the most patience," remarked Wolochowicz. "She also started to place her shots better as the match went on."

The first doubles contest was one that certainly pleased the coach, as the tandem of **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** prevailed 6-1, 6-0 over the Central team of Suzane Levesque and Annie Hetzel.

"Courtney and Seema got it together to dominate this match. Net shots were put away, and many shots that looked like winners for Central were picked up for Agawam winners. It was a fun match to watch," said the coach.

Not wanting to be outdone by their teammates, **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** continued the Brownies' winning ways in the second doubles position, winning 6-0, 6-2 over Ali Montagna and Melanie Beauvais.

Wolochowicz proudly stated, "Andrea and Wendy are on a roll. With each match comes more confidence, and with more confidence comes better shots and more movement. These girls are playing like a team."

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REGISTRATION DUE BY MAY 20TH

Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U11 Boys - Annihilators

The Agawam Annihilators had a tough game against Belchertown. The 0-0 game was steady with forwards Joe Carracciolo, Joey Deluca, Nick Gruska, and Ryan Harlow trying to get a goal for the Annihilators with help from halfbacks Dan Serna, Nick Crescentini, and Justin Robinson, but the defense was just too tough.

Belchertown had a nice goal to give them a 1-0 lead. Fullbacks Mat Footit, Chase Sardella, and Ryan Evans had a good game to keep the ball away from goalie Mike Santos, but Belchertown came to a 2-0 lead by halftime.

The second half was started by a bit of wind and rain, but the Annihilators came back with a goal by Ryan Harlow, then right behind our goal was another Belchertown goal to make it a 3-1 game.

Just as the Annihilators were putting the pressure on, the thunder and lightning beat us to the buzzer and the game was called with 12 minutes left to play.

Another soggy start for the Annihilators against Ludlow. With wet fields and drizzle, the 0-0 game was tough for defense Ryan Evans, Mike Santos, and Chase Sardella as Ludlow scored the first goal of the game.

With halfbacks Justin Robinson, Corey Paquette, Dan Serna, and Joey Deluca trying to help offense Jordan Buiso, Ryan Harlow, Nick Gruska, and Joe Carracciolo get a goal, Ludlow's defense was always there.

Mat Footit had a muddy goaltending job to make some great saves, but only to give Ludlow a 3-0 lead by halftime. With rain coming down and wet fields, the Annihilators wouldn't give up. A corner kick from Jordan Buiso to Nick Gruska gave a great pass to Joe Carracciolo to score a goal to make it a 3-1 game.

Mike Santos had a few great saves in the net during the second half. The games have been tough for the Annihilators with only a couple of subs. Fullback Tommy Mercadante has been out sick and his talent is much-needed for his team.

U11 Girls - Cobras

The Ludlow Spirit traveled to Agawam on May 5th to take on the Cobras. In their previous outing, although the Cobras totally dominated play, the game ended in a scoreless tie.

The Cobras girls showed a lot of hustle right from the start of this one. Right and left wings Tiffany Manzi and Jessica Lalli were burning up the sidelines, giving the Ludlow fullbacks fits! Midfielders Jamie Cullen, Elise Davilli, and Julie Czuprynski did a great job patrolling the middle of the field and keeping Ludlow off the ball. The Cobras had a few good chances, but the game was scoreless at halftime.

In the second half, the play by both teams really intensified! The Cobra defense, led by Kara Powell, Liz Barker, Meagan Pokorny, and Lauren Fox, was once again very strong. They did a great job turning away several good rushes from Ludlow. Goalie Stacy Bisvert looked sharp with a couple of key saves.

With time running out, the Cobras mounted a well-executed attack. Bringing the ball up the field from deep inside their own half was accomplished with some great passing.

The ball was crossed to the right side of the field. Before the Cobras could get their shot off, their player was pushed down from behind. They were awarded a direct kick.

With less than two minutes to play, Elise Davilli took the kick and drilled it high! The goalie leaped, but the ball deflected off her fingers and into the goal. After that it was just a matter of playing their patented defense.

Amy Lounds, Teresa Bonavita, Kelly Follis, and Heather Albano also played well for the Cobras. Other members of the team who were not able to play in the game included Leeann Morytko, Danielle Glantz, and Lauren Peltier.

This win puts the Cobras in sole possession of first place in their division. With some key players missing, the other Cobras really stepped up to the challenge. They never let up. They just wouldn't be denied.



TRACY BERNDT of Feeding Hills and Victor DeAngelo of Springfield prepare for the upcoming Big Brothers/Big Sisters Golf Outing in Longmeadow.

Golf Outing To Help Big Brothers/Sisters At Twin Hills CC

The first Annual Golf Outing to help Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held on Monday, June 8th at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

Play will be in a scramble format. Registration will be held at 11:00 a.m.; a putting contest and lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. Golfers will tee-off in a shotgun format at 12:30 p.m.

Longest drive and closest to the pin contests will be held. Cocktails in the clubhouse will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available all day.

Proceeds will go towards training, recruiting, and supporting Big Brother and Big Sister mentoring volunteers. To register, call 781-4730.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

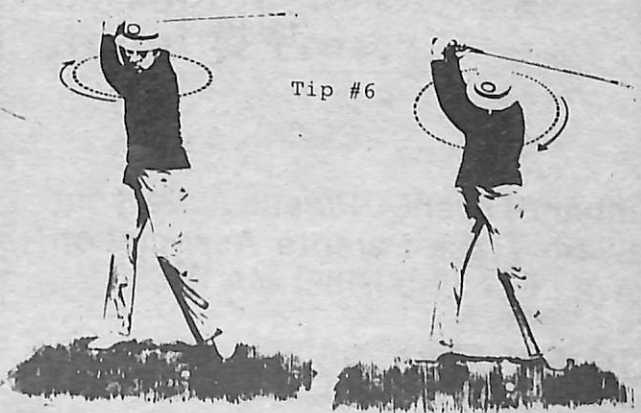
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Pull To Avoid A Dip...

The dipping of the left shoulder as you initiate the backswing give a false sense of turning. You want to turn away from the ball with your left shoulder, not drop it.

To avoid dipping, try to pull around with the right shoulder. The left will follow without excessive dipping.

This pulling action of the right shoulder will give you a fuller shoulder turn, eliminate excessive tilting of the shoulders, and put the club on a slightly flatter plane, which will allow the club to extend through the line of flight longer.



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AHS Cheerleaders' Banquet



IN PHOTO ABOVE, Agawam High varsity cheerleaders' Coach Kim Hebert (center) is pictured with Captain Kristin Ferguson (left) and Captain Michelle Kowalewski at the annual banquet held recently at Alexander's Restaurant. IN PHOTO BELOW are the team's six graduating seniors, from left - Kadie Barrington, Kristin Ferguson, Sheree Cardin, Michelle Kowalewski, and Lonnie DeLuca. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS at Agawam High School were also honored at the recent banquet. IN TOP PHOTO Coach Betty Almquist (center) is pictured with JV Captains Erin Ottomaniello (left) and Cathy Dickinson; IN PHOTO BELOW, Coach Betty Almquist is pictured with her two seniors - Erin Ottomaniello and Jen Rendrick. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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MEMBERS OF THE SHOT BLOCKERS volleyball team receive a donation from the Springfield Turnverein of Feeding Hills. From left - Jim Hadden, David Flynn, Kurt Walther (Turnverein president), and Sean Rose. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Shot Blockers To Participate In Semi-Pro Volleyball

Team Shot Block consists of 30 semi-professional volleyball players whose ages range from 16 to 35. This indoor volleyball team is sponsored by Shot Block promotions, an outdoor volleyball summer tour.

Each athlete is a member of the USAV (United States Volleyball), Yankee Volleyball Association, and NERVA. Shot Block competes in Yankee volleyball tournaments starting in October and ending in late May. These tournaments are located all throughout New England.

The athletes on Team Shot Block all come from the surrounding Springfield area. It is our desire to educate and promote volleyball to as many people who are interested in the sport. On our team's roster, we have eight volleyball coaches from surrounding high schools, colleges, and Junior Olympic programs. This is one of the many ways we get our program out to this area.

Team Shot Block is an independent team that welcomes and encourages new members at any time, to play indoor or outdoor. It is not very often that a sport is able to provide an athlete with a lifetime of commitment and competition.

Volleyball is one of those sports. There are many different factors that make this sport so unique in that way. The first reason is that of the physical court and net. It serves as a divider for each team and their physical abilities and activity. There is very little contact between each player, thus the differences in size, speed, and agility can be overcome by technique and control.

Another important factor is the nature of the sport, which prevents for individual possession of the ball. This allows for teamwork and less individual play. This is the main belief behind Team Shot Block, that no matter what age or level, there is always a place for that individual on the court.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH freshman girls' softball team. Back row, from left - Lisa Bienia, Jenn Bishop, Caitlyn Conte, Jen Gensheimer, Laura Bucalo, and Tiffany Blackman. Front row - Keegan Clark, Jen Pietroniro, Danielle Bachini, Jennifer Plamondon, and Jill Humiston. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FRESHMAN GIRLS' softball Coach Al O'Quinn with his three captains - Keegan Clark, Kaitlyn Conte, and Tiffany Blackman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Frosh Softball Bomb Westfield To Remain Undefeated

Coach O'Quinn and the parents of the freshman girls' softball team couldn't be any prouder of this talented group of girls. They came together as a team to defeat undefeated Westfield, 16-7, last week.

This brings their record to eight wins and no losses!!!

Danielle Bachini allowed only five hits, struck out one, and walked only three batters. She has taken on the role of starting pitcher since the loss of Tiffany Blackman to varsity. Danielle has won the last five games for the freshman team. They have defeated East Longmeadow, Ludlow, South Hadley, and Central by the mercy rule. Westfield has been the only game that has gone the full seven innings.

Lisa Bienia did an outstanding job, both offensively and defensively!! She went two for five, including a walk, a triple, and a double. She also made a great catch in deep centerfield. It's a total team effort that has made this a successful team.

Other team members include Keegan Clark, Caitlyn Conte, Laura Bucalo, Jennifer Pietroniro, Jennifer Gensheimer, Jen Plamondon, Jen Bishop, and Jill Humiston.

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John's Trucking Orioles	2	0
Luigi's Athletics	2	0
Fitness First's Rockies	2	1
Mr. Phipps' Phillies	0	1
Sand Trap Rangers	1	2
Westbank Falcons	3	0
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	0	4

BOYS 9-10	W	L
Reed's Giants	2	0
Valenti's A's	1	1
E. Cecchi's Sharks	0	2
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	1	1
Polish American Club Rangers	1	0
Orioles (Sponsor Needed)	0	0
Allen Lawnmower Rockies	0	0
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	0	1

BOYS 7-8 (DPL)	W	L
V & F Auto's Green	1	1
Blimpie Subs' Orange	1	0
Walnut Cleaners' R. Blue	2	0
Towne Ins. Co.'s Purple	0	2
Lt. Blue (Sponsor Needed)	0	1
Teal (Sponsor Needed)	1	0
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	2	0
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	0	2
Red (Sponsor Needed)	0	1

GIRLS 13-17	W	L
Mechanical Plastics' Black	2	1
E.B.'s Green	2	2
Cutting Edge's Navy	2	2
Orange (Sponsor Needed)	2	2
Yellow (Sponsor Needed)	1	2

GIRLS 10-13	W	L
Tolli's Black	2	1
River Auto Service's Gray	2	1
Agawam Credit Union's Green	2	2
American Classics' Red	1	2
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	2	1
Orange (Sponsor Needed)	2	1
Teal (Sponsor Needed)	0	3

GIRLS 8-10	W	L
Agawam Spirit's Green	0	3
Stan's Soft Serve's Orange	3	0
Kid's Footwear's Purple	1	3
Red (Sponsor Needed)	2	1
Teal (Sponsor Needed)	1	3
Yellow (Sponsor Needed)	3	0

S.H.A.A. Raffle Is Rescheduled For May 15th

It was a hard decision to cancel the Sacred Heart Athletic Association 1998 Jamboree Day due to inclement weather on April 26th. The S.H.A.A. also had to postpone the raffle drawing. The Athletic Association Board of Directors apologizes for any inconvenience to members of the community that participated in our 1998 raffle fundraiser.

The drawing that was scheduled on Jamboree Day will be held on Friday, May 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at the main diamond. In case of rain, the drawing will be held on the next scheduled game on the main diamond (Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m.).

The S.H.A.A. Board of Directors, the coaches, and the players thank you for your support of our organization.

Car Wash Slated To Benefit AHS Baseball

A car wash to benefit the Agawam High School baseball team has been scheduled for this Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church and Agawam Middle School. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Providence Ministries Slates 2nd Women's Golf Tournament

Attention all women golfers! Holyoke's Providence Ministries for the Needy, Inc., will be holding its **Second Annual Women's Golf Tournament** on Monday, June 29th, and it will be hosted once again by Brenda Garton from Channel 22 News.

Our 18-hole shotgun scramble is open to female golfers of all skill levels and will be held at Wyckoff Country Club.

A shotgun scramble at 12:00 noon will kick off the event, and the rest of the afternoon will include a host of activities for all who join in on the festivities. One bonus being offered at this time is a "hole-in-one" to participating golfers who will have the opportunity to win an automobile from Magna Buick.

Dinner will follow and will include various raffles and door prizes.

For further details, please call PMN's main office at 536-9109. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

Operation Friendship Announces Volleyball Tournament For Saturday, May 30th

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship will be having a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This event will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

Operation Friendship is a youth cultural exchange program organized to encourage interna-

2nd Sign-Up Slated For Suburban Hoop On Monday, May 18th

The Agawam Athletic Association will hold a second sign-up for the 1998-1999 Suburban and CYO Basketball season on Monday, May 18th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Agawam Center.

The AAA thanks the many parents who turned out for the May 4th sign-up.

Sign-ups will be taken for 5th/6th grade girls, A & B teams; 5th/6th grade boys, A & B teams; 7th/8th grade girls, A & B teams; and 7th/8th grade boys, A & B teams.

Try-outs will be held in mid-September. There will be no fees collected at the sign-ups. Player fees will only be charged to those children who are selected for the teams after the try-outs are held.

For further information, contact AAA President Bob Hersey at 786-2979, between noon and 4:00 p.m.

tional friendship and understanding. This summer, the Feeding Hills Chapter will have five travelers to Scotland, three to Northern Ireland, and one to Holland. All monies raised at this tournament will be used to meet their travel expenses.

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Senior Center Golf Tournament Is Set For Friday, May 29th

The third annual Agawam Senior Center Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 29th, at the Agawam Country Club. It is open to players of all ages and abilities.

The cost of the tournament is \$40. This year's proceeds will go toward the renovations and refurbishing of the Senior Center.

Snacks (cheese, fruit, and crackers) will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the tournament will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start/scramble format. This year, the event will end with a buffet lunch.

Golf registration forms are available at the Senior Center and the Agawam Golf Course. For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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Agawam Little League Major Division Standings (As Of 5/10/98)

TEAMS	W	L
Polish Club Orioles	4	0
Bridgeport National Royals	2	0
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	3	1
Teddy Bear Pools Braves	2	1
Coldwell Banker Yankees	1	1
Sport's Photo Inc. Mets	1	3
Hastie Fence Athletics	0	2
Valenti's Dodgers	0	2
Scott's Citgo Giants	0	3

ADVERTISER NEWS

May 20th Is Deadline For Alumni Track Meet Registration

The **First Annual Alumni Track Meet** will be held on Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (with registration at 12:30 p.m.) at the Agawam High School Track Field.

The cost is \$3 per alumni, resident athlete, and general admission. Tickets will also be available on the day of the meet. Student tickets are \$2 (with student I.D.), and admission is free for seniors.

Come out and support the Agawam High School boys'/girls' track teams as they compete against former track athletes, other high school students, and residents.

The pre-registration forms are available at the High School and at the Agawam Library. Also, registration forms are in *The Agawam Advertiser-News* for you to clip out in this issue. Get your forms in today because the May 20th deadline is just around the corner — don't be left out! Return forms to Emily Crough, 55 Dale Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The Agawam High School Track Parents Association is sponsoring this event as a fundraiser for the Agawam High School track teams. Volunteers are welcome to assist the officials and work the concession stand. Call Grace Tilden at 786-3942 or Debbie Ward at 786-2345 if you can help us out or for more information.

Jim Baldyga Is On Hartwick College's Baseball Team

Jim Baldyga of Agawam, a sophomore at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, is a member of the college's spring 1998 baseball team.

At the recently held Cooperstown Fame Tournament, Hartwick bowed to Middlebury College, but the final score was a close one, 9-8, thanks in part to Baldyga's sixth-inning, grand slam home run to rightfield that cleared the outfield bleachers and bounced off a house behind the field.

Racing News At Riverside Speedway

Bud Triple Crown Series Rained Out At Riverside Park Speedway

Due to inclement weather, all racing events on Saturday, May 9th at Riverside Park were postponed. The first leg of the Bud Triple Crown Series will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Qualifying for the Bud Riverside 500 was also postponed. Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Sportsman, Trucks, and Super Stocks will time trial on May 23rd prior to the Bud Riverside 500 in order to determine teams for the 500-lap event. The pit area will open at 11:00 a.m. on May 23rd.

Riverside Park Speedway will hold an open practice session on Wednesday, May 20th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. There will be a charge of \$10 per person and season pit passes will be honored.

Riverside Park Speedway Has Seen 21 Different Drivers Win 21 Features In 1998

It is said that parity in sports can be measured by the number of different winners over the course of a season. If the first five weeks are any indication, Riverside Park Speedway is having a very competitive season. Following the rain-out on May 9th, Riverside Park Speedway has recorded 21 feature races in the record book and awarded winners' trophies to 21 different drivers.

The NAPA Modified division has completed four races in 1998. Richie Gallup, Chris Kopec, Ted Riggott, and Dan Avery have all seen the inside of victory lane in that division.

The Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division has run each week the park has been open, completing a total of five races. Willie Hardie, Jr., Scott Bouley, Rich Vasseur, Eddy Carroll, and Barry Gray have all taken down wins in the Pro Stocks.

The support divisions have been no exception. The new Teddy Bear Pools Truck division has seen three different winners on three occasions. The Sportsman division and the Super Stock divisions have both crowned two different winners, and the Mini Stock division has had three different winners in 1998.

"It's remarkable," says Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "The competition has been really great here at Riverside Park in 1998. I'm happy to see all these different drivers getting a chance to win." Riverside Park resumes its 50th Anniversary season on May 16th with the Winston "No Bull" 150.

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Stripers Invade Connecticut River...

Now that the blue back herring have arrived in substantial numbers to spawn in the rivers and streams, the fun is really getting underway.

Striped bass follow the herring upstream, staying close to their favorite food source. From the Holyoke Dam to the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, the river is alive with fish.

Traditional spots such as the Enfield Dam have been augmented by other good spots as the striper comeback has really taken hold. From the power plant in Hartford to the mouth of the Chicopee River, anglers are finding great action on some increasingly larger fish.

Reports indicate that stripers approaching 50 pounds have been taken from the area below the Charter Oak Bridge in Hartford, the Dexter Coffin Bridge in Windsor, as well as the Enfield Dam.

Live herring just can't be beat as striper food. Try areas adjacent to the mouth of feeder streams. Use a very small shad dart or willow leaf spinner to catch your supply of herring. Keep them in a well-aerated livewell and live line them on a drift downstream.

If you can not secure a supply of live herring, try chunking with cut herring or work some large swimming plugs such as the Mambo Minnow, or husky jerk baits, salt water-sized Rattle Traps.

Catch and release is vital to maintaining the level of this "new" fishery. If a fish is hooked deeply, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and release the fish. The hook will rust out in a few days and the fish has a good chance of survival.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Largemouth and smallmouth bass are being taken by local fishermen. The largemouths are in mid pre-spawn activity. The smallmouth are actively spawning in some of the areas that warm up early.

Plastic lizards rigged Texas style are deadly at this time of the year. The bass recognize salamanders as enemies of their nests and eggs. Care must be taken with bedding bass not to injure them. Many of us do not fish for bedding fish, preferring to let them spawn uninterrupted.

Trout fishing has become more of a "deep during the day" occurrence. Trollers using an assortment of wire or leadcore lines are getting the lures down to the fish. Those anglers equipped with downriggers and fish finders are scoring consistently.

Carpmen (and ladies, too) are starting to catch some decent fish in the backwater coves of the Connecticut River. Corn, as well as branberry dough bait, are taking their share of fish. Things will only get better as the water levels stabilize and the temperature rise.

SALT WATER

A return to calmer weather should bring in a spate of party boat reports. The high wind and accompanying big seas have kept most of the fleet tied up at the dock.

Surf fishermen and jetty jockeys are reporting good action on schoolie stripers from the Cape and Islands to eastern Long Island Sound.

Little bluefish news yet, but it is still very early. Reports from the Carolinas indicate that we may see some blues a little earlier this year. Rumors persist that some blues were taken in nets in Long Island Sound, but nothing is ever certain! Asking where the bluefish will be and when they are coming is like asking where fire goes when it goes out.

Flounder have moved out into the shallow bays, although some are still being taken in the river mouths and estuaries. Fluke are being taken in increasing numbers at the mouth of the Connecticut River, as well as in Point Judith at the inside breakwater.

Porgies are still scarce, but some of the party boats are getting ready to launch a few excursions for them.

Agawam American Legion Announces Baseball Team Tryouts

American Legion Post 185 of Agawam will be holding tryouts for its 1998 baseball team on Sunday, May 17th, and Saturday, May 23rd, at Agawam High School.

The tryouts will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held rain or shine.

Anyone who was born after August 1, 1979, and is of the high school level, is eligible to try out for the team.

Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnasts Compete At New England Regional Championships

Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics recently competed in U.S.A. Gymnastics New England Regional Championships with great success on both the men's and ladies' teams.

Two young women, Agawam's Lauren Powell and West Side's Michelle Germano, went to the University of Massachusetts and came away with medals and plane tickets to the National Championships in Seattle, Washington.

Lauren used a 9.0 on vault (sixth) and a 9.325 on floor (third) to score a 36.1 all-around, good for the silver medal. Michelle's 9.2 on bars and 9.1 on beam were both second-place finishers that helped her to a 35.675 all-around bronze medal.

Both girls qualified for the Level 10 Junior Olympic Nationals, which were held in Seattle from May 7th through May 10th.

The University of Vermont was the scene for the men's team to show their stuff, and that is just what they did.

Darren Morace came in second all-around in class one elite with a 50.7. Agawam's Matt Perry came in ninth with a 46.05.

In class two, Longmeadow's Pat McFarlin and Jamey Houle took the silver and gold medals (with Pat scoring a 50.9 and Jamie a 52.75, respectively). In class three, Steve Gaudette captured the gold with a 51.95, and Alan Parsons took fifth with a 49.00.

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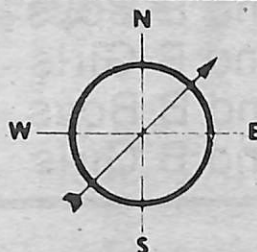
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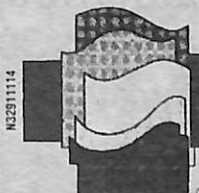
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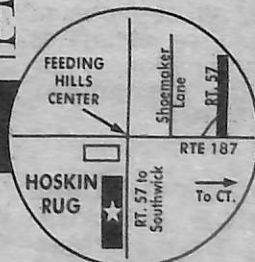
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